

Forest Lakes Community News

August 2023

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BACK TO SCHOOL!

Join us for our annual Back To School pool party at the North Pool from 6:00-8:00pm on Sunday, August 20th. Going back to school? Then you're invited and bring the family! There will be cupcakes and treats, music and fun! Please, Forest Lakes residents only. No guests. Hope to see you there!

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR A TGIF!

An adults-only TGIF will be held at the Pavilion on Friday, September 15th from 6pm – 8pm. FLCA will provide wine, beer, soft drinks, and light snacks. Music will be provided by Ron Gentry. Come join your Forest Lakes friends and neighbors – and maybe even meet a new one or two! See you on September 15th!

SCHOOL'S IN – DRIVE CAREFULLY

Albemarle County Public Schools start Wednesday, August 23rd. Due to the shortage of bus drivers, many of our students (particularly in Forest Lakes South) will no longer have bus service. This means there will be more walkers in our neighborhoods during the morning and afternoon hours. PLEASE drive slowly – especially during these times of day. Take care at intersections (The Springridge roundabout, Thornridge/Powell Creek intersection, Brandermill/Ashwood/Kendalwood intersection are three major ones that come to mind.) Help make our students feel safe when they are walking to school – it's a community effort!

EARLY MORNING SWIM

The last Early Morning Swim will be at the South Pool on Thursday, August 10th! Make a note – see you next year!

POOL SCHEDULE WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

It's that time of year. The college students are returning to campus and soon after our high school guards are back in school and sports. We've had a great crew this year and many of them will still be able to work once school begins, but it certainly won't be enough to keep the pools open during the weekdays. Most likely only weekend and evening hours will be available. Once we get a schedule together, we will email it out to residents, post on the website and at both pools. Next time you're at the pool – thank a lifeguard and tell them you hope to see them again next summer!

REMINDER – LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS AND LEAVE A LIGHT ON

This is yet another reminder to all residents to lock their car doors if they are left outside of a garage. There have been several cars rifled through over the past month during the night, and none of them had their doors locked! Make it a habit to double check that your cars are locked before heading for bed each night. It would be wonderful if residents would leave their lamp posts on at night as well – a well-lit neighborhood is a great deterrent.

SIGNS IN YOUR YARD?

Do you still have a yard sign in your yard from perhaps high school graduation, college entrance, etc.? Time to take them down! All event-timed signs (political election, school graduation, birthday, etc.) must be removed within 7 days after the event. For a full list of rules regarding signs, go to our website. Thanks!

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Keeping in the Loop

FLCA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, 23 August 2023 at 6:00 in the Pavilion. The agenda for the meeting is available one week prior to the meeting at the association office and on the website. Please note that the topics for the meeting can change.

FOREST LAKES BOOK CLUB

The July Book Club selection is “Klara and the Sun” by Kazuo Ishiguro. Book Club is held the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm in the Pavilion. The next meeting is August 16th. All residents are welcome. Come join the discussion!

BABYSITTER AND PET SITTER LIST – LAWN MOWERS TOO!

The FLCA office has a list of babysitters and pet sitters that are made up of Forest Lakes residents – for Forest Lakes residents. If you would like a copy, please call the office! If you’d like to be put on the list, please email Grace at FLAdmin@forestlakes.net. We’d also like to add anyone who would like to mow lawns for residents. We’ve had a few requests – so any lawn mowers out there, send Grace an email and get on the list!

FIND THE REST OF OUR REGULAR CONTENT AT WWW.FORESTLAKES.NET

- Forest Lakes Parents Group
- Yoga Classes
- JMRL Bookmobile at Forest Lakes
- Forest Lakes Little Library
- FLCA and Sub-association contacts

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Neighborhood Notes (continued)

FITNESS CENTER REMINDERS

The Fitness Center will continue to be closed every Wednesday from 7-8:00 pm. This allows our cleaning team have at least one cleaning a week with nobody in the gym. It's difficult to thoroughly clean when there are people using the machines! Please note, children under 12 years old are not allowed in the gym under any circumstances. Youth ages 12–15 may use the gym only while under a parent's supervision. Residents 16 and older are allowed to use the gym on their own as long as they follow all rules. Parents, please note these ages and make sure your child is not using the gym unauthorized or as a "hang out". Gym cards should not be in the possession of those under the age of 16. Thank you!

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

We welcome you! If you haven't already, please stop by the FLCA office – we'd love to meet you and answer any questions you may have. We'll get you all set with pool cards and gym cards too! Our office hours are Monday – Friday from 9am – 5pm.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Please join the FLCA Board of Directors in welcoming new residents to Forest Lakes!

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| Ashland | Reid Collis and Kelsey Holden |
| Aspenwood | Trevor Barna and Jane Lee |
| Chelsea | Tyler and Jessica Gattermeyer Hans and Jody Zeller |
| Edgewater | Eric Calhoun and Min Lee Andrew Fontaine and Megan Ashton |
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Tennis and Pickleball

NEWSLETTER

August 2023

Men's night and Women's night continue in August

Men's night and women's night clinics are starting back up in July. Mondays, August 17 and 24, men's night clinics will be conducted. Women's night clinics will take place Thursdays, August 3, 10 and 17. Cost is \$20 for 75-minute group lesson, or \$75 for a five-pack. These clinics will start at 6:30 pm and end at 7:45 pm.

My hope is to bring out 2.0-3.0 level men and women out on their respective nights and hit some balls in some easy low-key drills. With regular participation, I hope this evolves into a men's and women's doubles night. Please contact me via email or text (preferred) if you plan on attending or need more information. After a brief vacation at the end of August, I will restart these clinics in September. Check in the September newsletter for more dates.

Three weeks of Summer Tennis Camp left

The Summer Junior Tennis Camp is entering the seventh week of a nine-week program. Players can start in mid-summer. I will find you a spot! Information flyers are available at the Forest Lakes Community Association office, at the North Pro Shop or online at the FLCA website. Email or text me if you have questions.

Don't forget about open pickleball night!

Pickleballers are invited to join in the open pickleball night on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30. No sign up required, come on out. Forest Lakes residents only please!

Guests, court bookings, canceling, and courtesies

Recently, the FLCA has seen a rash of misuse of the booking system. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the policy on booking pickleball and tennis courts on the Playtomic app. Simply, for every court booked, there must be a minimum of one Forest Lakes player in the group—presumably the person that booked the court. You cannot book two courts under one name (or your name and your spouse's name) and bring seven guests to those courts. The Forest Lakes resident **MUST** be present on each court booked. No unaccompanied guests allowed.

Be prepared to leave your court at the finish of your allotted time. (Clay court maintenance is included in your court time—plan ahead.) If asked to leave by the next group, please do so in a swift and polite manner. Remember that **YOU** are responsible for your guests.

If your plans fall through and you can't make it to your court time, **CANCEL** your booking! Often, I will water a North court prior to the reserved time. If you cancel in a timely manner, it could save water! Also, canceling your court in a timely manner could open the court for someone else to use.

Ice water is provided as a courtesy to all players. It is recommended that you bring your own ice water in your favorite Stanley insulated tumbler, then refill it with "the coldest drinking water in Albemarle County." The paper cups are provided should you forget your designer water bottle. Reuse the cups whenever possible and don't be wasteful. Parents are encouraged to have their children bring a plastic cup or water bottle to the courts for lessons or play and refill as often as necessary.

Lately, I have heard more than the usual "outbursts" from players on the courts following a close line call. Remember The Code of Conduct for tennis states that in all matches that don't have a referee (which is ALL matches conducted at Forest Lakes) that the players are responsible for making calls. The need for your opponent to get glasses notwithstanding, you call the lines on your side of the court, I'll call the lines on my side of the court. Any doubtful calls go in your opponent's favor. All calls are made in good faith and should not be questioned.

Last I checked, nobody is playing for a million dollars. Lighten up on the calls all!

Jim Labinski

FLCA Director of Tennis

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