

Forest Lakes Community News

November 2023

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2024 BUDGET

Your Board of Directors has completed its annual financial review and approved the 2024 annual budget and capital expense items to be undertaken. Both are available on our website under the password protected section (contact the FLCA office for password information if needed). For 2024, the quarterly assessment will be \$310.00. This is up a modest \$10 per quarter representing a little over 3% increase, which is below the current national inflation rate. The assessment includes an increase in the Reserves contributions we make to ensure that we have the funds needed to continue to repair, replace and reinvest in our community assets such as trails, pools, tennis and pickleball courts, fitness equipment and buildings. Plans are being made to expand our fitness facility. New and replacement equipment is being ordered. Our north pool will receive major repairs beginning late winter 2024.

Our community continues to be on strong financial footing. The FLCA Board of Directors goal is to keep Forest Lakes an outstanding community and a desirable place to live – maximizing our property values while recognizing new communities continue to be built in our area.

All homeowners are invited to attend the Annual Meeting which will be held on January 24, 2024. Meeting mailers will reach homes mid-December as will new coupon books for dues. If you are signed up for Klik N Pay, you will not receive a coupon book.

LEAVES, LEAVES GO AWAY!

They've been particularly gorgeous this year...but now the fun begins. Cleaning them up. This is a reminder (and there's nothing gentle about it!) to not rake or pile your leaves from your property onto any Forest Lakes common area. Even if you think it "won't be

seen" or it "won't matter"... it will and it does. Piles are unsightly, do not decompose readily, harbor all sorts of creatures, and drift into nearby streams. If it is discovered that you have done any of the above, you will be asked to remove your leaves from the common area and disposed of properly. Remember, GFL will take up to 10 bags of leaves/yard waste per pick up day. Thank you!

REMEMBER TO FEED YOUR PUMPKINS TO THE PIGS!

Wondering what to do with those pumpkins after Halloween? Give it to a pig for dinner! Bring your clean, unpainted pumpkins that are void of any wax or other foreign objects (we are feeding them to livestock!) to the south parking lot on November 4th and 5th or November 10th and 11th. There will be a pick up truck clearly marked where you can donate your pumpkins for a good cause. Oink.

TRASH TALK—AGAIN

Seems we've created some confusion from our last Trash Talk in October's newsletter. Let's try to clarify. Trash trucks today are not the old-fashioned ones where trash is tossed into the back. They have automatic arms that pick up a toter and dump it in the top of the truck. Everyone needs to have a toter out if they have trash to be picked up. You cannot leave one bag on the curb without a toter, as the arm cannot pick it up! GFL will continue to take 10 bags of yard waste per trash pick up. If any of this yard waste can fit in your toter, please put it in. This helps the driver not have to get out of the truck and re-load your toter with bags from the curb. If it cannot all fit in, no worries. If you feel you are leaving bags outside of your toter more often than not, please call the office and order an additional toter at no charge. Hope this helps! If not, please call the office.

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Neighborhood Notes (continued)

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES

If you would like to run for the 2024 Forest Lakes Board of Directors, please contact the FLCA office. You will be given a candidate form that will need to be turned into the office by Friday, December 1st in order to be on the printed ballot. Questions? Please call the office at 434.973.4596

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH

The Haven is seeking donations of adult cold weather items. A box has been placed in the Fitness Center hallway from now until November 13th. Please consider donating clean, gently used or new items by dropping them in the box. The Haven is a multi-resource day shelter and housing resource center in Charlottesville. They thank you for your donations!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO DRIVE SAFELY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Thank you for continuing to be a responsible driver by driving slowly and safely in our neighborhoods. We'd like to reiterate the intersection of Ashwood Boulevard, Powell Creek Drive and Thornridge Way. There is a crosswalk that crosses Ashwood Boulevard from Thornridge Way to Powell Creek Drive. Many drivers do not seem to be aware of this, as the speeding continues right through the crosswalk—be it empty, with walkers in it or those trying to cross. Folks, we're all part of this neighborhood and not one of us wants to see anybody get hit. Please take heed, watch for your neighbors in the crosswalk and slow down. You'll still get to where you're going, just maybe a few seconds later.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Congratulations to our Halloween decoration contest winners and honorable mentions! We hope you had the chance to go by and see the spooky (and mostly fun!) decorations. Thanks to our judges for volunteering! Now, time to put those pumpkins away and get out those other holiday lights! We'll have our annual North and South holiday light judging on Friday, December 15th. We still need a judge for South Forest Lakes. If you're interested, please contact Grace at FLAdmin@forestlakes.net or call the office at 434.973.4596.

SPEAKING OF DECORATIONS...(AND YARD SIGNS)

Please remember to have all holiday decorations down within 20 days after the specific holiday. No pumpkins and Frosty's up at the same time! Political yard signs must be down within 7 days after the election (November 14th please!). Any other signs may be up for a maximum of 45 days. Thank you!

PAVILION AND POOLHOUSE RENTAL RATES—THEY'RE GOING UP!

For the first time ever, the rental rates for the Poolhouse and Pavilion will be going up from \$125 to \$150 beginning January 1, 2024. If you have already made a reservation for 2024, you will be grandfathered in.

IT'S THE END OF AN ERA, WE'RE GOING DIGITAL!

Beginning with the January 2024 edition of the Forest Lakes Newsletter, we will be 100% digital. No more newsletters in your mailbox, only in your inbox. Please make sure you are signed up for E-News to receive the newsletter. You can do this by calling the office or going to our website www.forestlakes.net.

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!

Stratford Glen	Larry and Ann Livengood
Willow Bend	Melanie Reid



Forest Lakes Fall Holiday Market

Saturday Nov. 18th - 9:30am-1pm

Forest Lakes South Pool Parking Lot 1650

Ashwood Blvd. Charlottesville

Please join us for the Fall Holiday Market at the Forest Lakes South Pool Parking lot. Support Local vendors, get a head start on holiday shopping with 47 local vendors scheduled. Great hot food, plenty of crafts, jewelry, woodwork, pottery, local honey, soaps, home goods, plants, a wide variety of unique gift items, produce, eggs, jams, meats, baked goods, wine & more!

VENDORS AT THE MARKET

Sunny Point Farm	Goldman Pottery	G Christopher Art
Maddie's Munchies	Tipsea Gypsie	Kathi Minton Jewelry
Mkay's Creations	D&D Freeze Dried Delights	Little Bethel Farm
The Link Up	DRH Boards	Caran's Succulent Plants
Ducard Vineyards	Laughing Lilac	Nana's Sewing Basket
Odyssey Chocolates	Guido's Heart	Reclaimed Joy Crafts
Viva Jewelry	Schlott's Seafood	Heavenly Scents Candles
Mandalya	Lynn's Escape	WSW Boutique
Lynn Reed Designs	Encanto Homestead	M Hammond Art
Lukpla's Loaves	Pizelles Pizelles	MJ's Cards
Crissy's Cozy Corner	Two Labs Coffee	Charms & Flourish Jewelry
Honey Springs Bees	Haitian Crafts	CH Holiday Centerpieces
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Keeping in the Loop

FLCA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00. This will combine our November and December meetings and will be held off-site. 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 CLUBS

Wednesday Book Club - The November Book Club selection is "The Shell Seekers" by Rosamunde Pilcher. The Wednesday Book Club is held the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm in the Pavilion. The next meeting is November 15th. All residents are welcome. Come join the discussion!

NEW! Weekend Women's Bookclub – The Weekend Women's Book Club meets the second Sunday every other month from 3-5pm at the Forest Lakes North Pool House. The club will meet on January 14, 2024. The current book selection is "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. Questions? Email Allison O'Grady at apogradey@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY MARKETS

There will be two Holiday Markets at the South Parking lot this year. The first will be Saturday, November 18th and the second will be Saturday, December 16th. See the flyer in this newsletter regarding the November market.

SANTA

Moms and Dads, Grandparents too! Mark your calendars as Santa will be visiting Forest Lakes on the evening of Tuesday, December 12th! Details in December's newsletter.

BABYSITTER AND PET SITTER LIST – SNOW SHOVELERS 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 or shovel snow (!) for residents.

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

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

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FOREST LAKES

Tennis and Pickleball

NEWSLETTER

November, 2023

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

Men's night and women's night clinics started back up in September, and these programs are going strong. Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, and 27, men's night clinics will be conducted. Women's night clinics will take place Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 and 30. Cost is \$20 per 75-minute group lesson, or \$75 for a five-pack. These clinics will start at 7:30 pm and end at 8:45 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.

Fall After School Program

The Fall After School program is entering its third trimester of a 12-week program. There is space available for the youth of Forest Lakes and their friends. The "Littlest of Spuds" meet at 3:15 and 4 o'clock weekdays. Middle schoolers/intermediate levels meet at 5 o'clock weekdays. High school/advanced players meet at 6:15 Mondays through Thursdays. One-, two- and three-times per week packages are available. 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 7:00-9:30. Bring your paddle and be prepared for a fun and social evening!

Men's 4.0 member/guest doubles tournament slated for November 22

On Wednesday, November 22nd, 16 players/eight teams will take part in a friendly competition to kick off the Thanksgiving weekend. If you are interested in participating in the event, contact me or Ed Leary (elear1@comcast.net) to sign up. If you aren't participating, stop by the courts to watch the exciting action and steal an IPA from Ed's cooler. The play starts at 10 am and should conclude around 1 pm.

Play the Clay!

Cold weather is just around the corner. That means the irrigation system will soon be shut off to protect the pipes from damage. So, while the water is still flowing, I urge all tennis players to take advantage of the ClayTech courts at North. Once the water is shut off, it will be tough getting reservations for the limited number of court openings at South.

Thanks and See you on the courts,

Jim Labinski

Director, Forest Lakes Tennis

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