Forest Lakes Community News

December 2023

wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END...

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be going digital beginning with the January 2024 newsletter. This will be our last paper edition, after over 20 years of delivery! We'd like to thank Andrew Mayo (and his family!) for delivering the newsletter to us for the past 10 years and Ally Hammond for formatting the newsletter every month for the past several years. It takes a team to put this out and get it delivered! Please make sure you are signed up for E-news to get the newsletter delivered to your inbox. You can always go to our website for a link to the latest one if you missed it in your email.

DUES AND ANNUAL MEETING REMINDERS

DUES – As stated in November's newsletter, there will be an increase in dues for 2024. Beginning in January 2024 dues will be \$310.00 per quarter/\$1,240.00 annually. If you pay automatically through your bank, please don't forget to update the amount. If you pay through Klik 'n Pay, the payment should automatically update unless you've put a cap on the amount that can be withdrawn. Please contact the FLCA office should you have questions. Coupon booklets have been mailed and everyone should have received theirs by now. If you pay by Klik 'n Pay, you will not receive a booklet.

ANNUAL MEETING – The 2024 Annual Meeting date has been set for 6:00pm on Wednesday, January 24th at the Forest Lakes Poolhouse. All Forest Lakes homeowners are invited to attend and should receive annual meeting information packets in the mail mid-December. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be on January 31st, 6:00pm, in the Poolhouse. Whether or not you plan to come to the meeting (and we hope you do!) please remember to send your ballot in early in order to establish a quorum. If a quorum is not established, we'll have to re-send out all information which costs the homeowner's association money!

HOA payment coupon books have been mailed and all homeowners should have received theirs by now. If you have not, please contact the office. If you are signed up for KliknPay, you will not receive a booklet. Please make sure you have changed the amount of payment on your account in KliknPay.

COOKIES AND MILK WITH SANTA!

Santa will be back this year on Tuesday, December 12th from 5:30-7:30pm at the Pavilion. PLEASE NOTE: Parents with very young children (under 3) and with kids who will not stay for story time please consider coming right at 5:30 to see Santa and then scoot out the door. It gets crowded!

ARB PROCESSING DURING HOLIDAYS

Thanks to all of the residents who submitted ARB applications this year. The committee processed an average of two applications each week. Many thanks to committee members John Schmidt and Todd McGee for their hours of hard work throughout the year! The deadline to submit an ARB request for December will be Monday, December 11th. No applications will be processed December 15th through January 5, 2023. If you plan on submitting an application this month, please submit it now.



BUYING OR SELLING a home?

CHECK OUT THESE REVIEWS FROM PREVIOUS CLIENTS:

"Tara is wonderful to work with. It's a great feeling to be able to let them do what they know best and to trust her experience! Tara has listed 2 of my homes and both had a full contract under 3 days. 100% recommend!"

"I can't say enough good things about Savage and Company. We estimate they saved us close to a 100k with their positive attitude and resourcefulness..."

""Tara is extremely professional and I have been working with her to buy and sell property for twenty years. She is extremely creative when it comes to complex deals and has helped our family establish wealth through property."

""Tara Savage is special. At the beginning of selling my home we experienced a serious water leak. Tara managed to have the damage corrected, and still sell the home at my asking price."

J can't wait to work with you. Jana Savage

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Neighborhood Notes

HOLIDAY LIGHT DECORATION CONTEST

Looks like Forest Lakes folks don't need to be reminded about the annual holiday light decoration contest – lights are up everywhere! Our neighborhoods are looking very festive and bright. Our judges are set and ready to go – NORTH AND SOUTH, you'll BOTH be under the judges' spotlights on Friday, December 15th. Good luck to all!

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE/CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP DATES

Holiday trash for the weeks of December 25, 2023 and January 1, 2024 will be delayed by one day. Instead of trash being picked up on Tuesday, it will be picked up on WEDENSDAY of both weeks.

Christmas tree pick up will be TUESDAY JAN 9th and WEDNESDAY JAN 10th. Please put your trees out with your trash for Tuesday pickup. If your neighborhood trees are not picked up on Tuesday, they will be picked up on Wednesday. Have your tree cut into 5' sections and place on curb. All ornaments, lights and decorations must be removed. Any tree left out after this date will be charged extra for pick up.

HOLIDAY FARMER'S MARKET

The Holiday Farmer's market will be at the south pool parking lot on Saturday, December 16th from 9:30am - 1:00pm. There are over 40 vendors scheduled to participate. See the flyer in this newsletter.

REMINDER – COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING OLD "RST" DEVELOPMENT

This is a reminder of the community meeting that is being held on Thursday, December 7th at 6:00pm in the Media Room at Lakeside Middle School. This meeting will outline the new development being planned at the corner of Rte 29 and Ashwood Boulevard formerly known as "RST". The property is now owned by Riverbend Development and is called Archer North. It will be less dense as previously planned, all homes will be for sale, 15% will be affordable. The developer as well as County representatives will be in attendance to present the plan and answer questions from residents.

ARE YOU UPDATED?

If you have not filled out a Resident Information Sheet in the past two years, please do so now and either mail, drop off or scan to the FLCA office. The form can be found on our website or at the FLCA office. This will help us get ready for the summer season. If you are a renter in Forest Lakes, please make sure the office has a copy of your current lease as well. Thanks so very much!

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR OUR EMAILS?

It's easy get on the list. Either go to our website at www.forestlakes. net under "E-News" and sign up or call the office at 434.973.4596 and they'll do it for you! Be an informed resident!





Forest Lakes Holiday Market Saturday, Dec 16th, 2023 9:30am-1pm

Forest Lakes South Pool Parking Lot-1650 Ashwood Blvd. We have 45 vendors scheduled for the Forest Lakes Dec 16th Holiday Market. Find that last minute gift or something for yourself at the market. Local vendors with everything from produce, eggs, beef, pork, chicken, baked goods, local honey, candies, jams, pickled products, wine, coffee, jewelry, woodcrafts, a variety of art, crochet and fabric crafts, wreaths, soaps, bath, personal and home care products and so much more. We will also have Twisted Biscuits food truck & Raclette on the Run food truck with hot foods and Two Labs Coffee with hot and cold coffee and tea and coffee infused chocolate.

Come out and support your local vendors, join us at the market and shop local!

Scheduled Vendors Dec 16th, 2023 Holiday Market

Twisted Biscuit Food Truck Sunny Point Farm Maddies Munchies Mkays Creations **Charms & Flourish Ducard Wines Marshmallow Mama Viva Jewelry** Mandalaya **Petra Monaco LLC** Lukpla's Loaves Crissy's Cozy Corner **Honey Springs Bees Tipsea Gypsie** From John's Shop **Encanto Homestead CS** Designs **DRH Boards** Laughing Lilac Va Arts & Pottery **Guido's Heart** Kathi Minton Jewelry **Heavenly Scents**

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FLCA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 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. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 24, 2024 at 6:00 in the Poolhouse.

FORFST LAKES BOOK CLUBS

Wednesday Book Club - This book club will not meet in December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th. The January Book Club selection is "My Antonia" by Willa Cather. The Wednesday Book Club is held the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm in the Pavilion. 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 apogrady@gmail.com.

TENNIS NEWS

As many of you have heard, our Director of Tennis, Jim Labinski, suffered a stroke on November 5th. Jim is in rehab right now and scheduled to go home in early December. All tennis programs will be cancelled for the winter. If you would like an update on Jim, please either email or call the office. Please do not call or text him as he is not answering his phone. Keep Jim and his family in your prayers while Jim heals. Also, while playing on the courts, help keep them picked up and in shape during Jim's absence. If there are any issues you notice, please do not hesitate to contact the FLCA office. Thanks!

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.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

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

Worth Crossing

Tucker Clark

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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FOOD DRIVE-SOUTH GYM

Our resident Yoga instructor, Tarti Djakaria, has organized a food drive for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank from now until December 15th. You can drop off any non-perishable, unexpired food items at the south gym in the designated barrel. Items needed most are peanut butter, canned soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned fish, canned beans, whole grain pasta, brown rice.

Thank you Tarti and thank you Forest Lakes residents!

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A message from Todd

Thank you to my Forest Lakes neighbors, friends, and clients for your continued support of my real estate business. For over 30 years community small businesses have sponsored the Forest Lakes Newsletter that has provided news and updates for our community. Next year, the newsletter will transition to digital delivery only. Please keep in mind the small businesses in our Forest Lakes Community. Your support makes a difference in their success. My best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and prosperous New Year.

And remember, it's never too early to plan your next move!

Todd McGee Associate Broker Nest Realty