IT’S A FAMILY AFFAIR

Rick Vogtmann and family have been supplying Forest Lake with cable television since 1992, our dial-up internet since 2000, our cable modems since 2002 and our land line phones since 2005. The only communication mode he has not conquered here might be smoke signals, carrier pigeons and whistles! Postal service may be his next challenge! Who knows!

Rick’s work ethic and curiosity have taken him far from his birth in Bay City and his early adult life in Pinconning. The man works 24/7 and has always been interested in what makes things tick. His physics teacher in high school inspired him in the field of electronics. He attended United Electronics Trade School, and served 4 years in the Marine Corps with our National Security Agency. His duties included using electronic systems to surveil the Soviet Union during the Cold War era of the Eisenhower administration. He could tell a million stories.

The “family” includes (left to right) - himself (pictured), his wife Jeanette, (on duty 6 days a week), his sons Chris & Ricky (pictured), Jeanette’s niece Kelly (pictured), Dom, a family friend (pictured) and the office cat. Together they serve Prescott, Sterling, Alger and all of the school systems in the Standish area.

Rick served on our Board of Directors as Secretary for six years. Forest Lakers have benefited from Rick’s readiness to assist whenever he can, and his generosity, time and talent in many other ways, especially his invaluable assistance with our Computer Club.

When he talks “tech”, it’s not always easy to follow. He explained that our reception suffers once in a while because we are outside the FCC Grade B contour and also need outside satellite antennae to receive signals.

Rain, humidity and atmospheric thermal layers can cause disruption of signals. However, Rick is always working to improve service. He says, “We are now doing all new construction with fiber optics, taking one fiber to every house from our “head end”, (the main office) – where all the brains are.” We laugh.

“Technology is changing every year,” he says. He stays up-to-date by studying trade magazines and manuals. “If your phone is a year old, you probably need a new one,” and “a five-year old computer is old,” he says. “Of course, there are exceptions.” Testing is currently being done for an even higher speed internet.”

As far as phones go, Rick assures us that “landlines are not going away. They are still needed, especially for medical facilities and security systems.”

A big “thank you” to Rick and his “family” for their constant attention to our media and communication needs, and his quick response to our other needs.

Gail Whelan

Discounted Mechanical Permits for propane to natural gas conversion will be issued at the Forest Lake Office on Aug 29 from 9:30 am to 1pm.
PRESIDENT’S CORNER
Thank You to all Veterans for the service and dedication you have given to our country.

I hope everyone is having a good summer. Cool nights for sleeping and warm afternoons are perfect, but I feel some hot and humid weather is still in our future. It has been extremely dry here this summer. Our wells are working overtime to keep grass and gardens looking good.

As I drive around Forest Lake and see all the red gas stakes on the side of the roads, I still can’t believe we are finally, after years of lost efforts, bringing Natural Gas into our community. As of July 25th DTE Energy has replaced a 2 inch main south of Skidway Lake with a 6 inch gas main and has gone under the Rifle River. They are progressing south near 9 Mile Rd. A second crew will be starting at 9 Mile and Maple Ridge and laying pipe into our area. They have signed contracts with nearly 200 residents to install natural gas. If you are interested in signing up, you can contact Vern Hartman of DTE Energy at 989-878-0695.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Director Gary Jeffery

FOREST LAKE DROWNING

On July 19th Dennis Paulson, a Forest Lake resident, drowned near the main beach here at the lake. Recovery took nearly twenty four hours. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

The Forest Lake Board of Directors would like to extend a huge “Thank You” to the Arenac County Sheriff’s Department, their Dive Team, Roscommon’s Dive Team, Moffatt Township Fire Department, the DNR, MMR and the Forest Lake Security Staff for their expert support during our crisis. Please make safety a major priority when boating and swimming during our summer season.

Director Sam Dautermann

Donation boxes for cell phones and eyeglasses are located in the Forest Lake Office. Put your used items to good use by donating them.

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CAMPGROUND

There has been steady use of the twenty seven "seasonal" campsites in the Forest Lake Campground. This is our upper limit on seasonal usage. Daily, weekly and monthly activities have stayed solid too, always spiking over our three main Holidays. Camping cabins are particularly popular in July and August when our hot weather arrives and family vacations and reunions begin. The campground continues to be a Forest Lake choice for all to enjoy the up north outdoor experience.

Please remember to review the Forest Lake Campground booklet each camping season especially when hosting guests. Camping etiquette, safety and courtesy help everyone enjoy our park all summer long.

Director Gary Judson

WIFI at the OFFICE

Those owners who need to get or send email or other files can do so at the Forest Lake Office during normal business hours for a nominal fee of $2.

BOAT DOCKS

Forest Lake has all boat docks under contract for the 2015 season as in past years. Remember to sign up or check the "move" or "wait list" in the office and online on our website www.forestlakemi.org. You can also call Mark at 989 836-2155 to check your status.

Docks continue to be maintained and renovated by our maintenance crew. Each finished dock looks great, with new wood, wider walkways and longer, lower docks to serve our needs. This huge project has added appeal and created easier access in our dock areas.

Time slips by….. so TAKE THE TIME and ENJOY our Michigan sunny days on Forest Lake this summer season!

Director Gary Judson

DAM SAFETY

The last two winters have taken a toll on the sheet piling wall adjacent to the docks at the north side of the dam. This spring the Maintenance Department determined that several of the tie backs had failed and the wall had moved both vertically and laterally. We hired a professional engineer to inspect the wall and submit a brief report to identify various options for repair or replacement of the wall. After the repair/ replacement method is selected we will determine the extent of the work that can be completed by the Maintenance Department and then hire a contractor for the remainder of the work. The work will be completed this fall after the lake level is lowered.

Director Dennis Monsere
COMING EVENTS

Aug 19 - Picnic in the Park - 5:30pm

Aug 25 - Pontoon Tie Off - 6pm.

Aug 29 - Mechanical Permits issued at Forest Lake Office from 9:30am to 1pm.

Sep 07 - Labor Day Holiday

Nov 07 - BOD Meeting

For new property owners who may not know it or long time owners that may have forgotten, we have 5 Activities that take place every week: Computer Club, Line Dancing, Bowling or Golf depending on the season and Coffee & Donuts. Exercise occurs twice a week. Euchre is held twice a month. Dinner Club or Picnic in the Park, depending on season is held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Coffee & Donuts is every Friday morning. Kut the Scrap Craft Club is held in the Fall months every other week.

There are also many yearly events: Ox Roast, Annual Garage Sales and Craft Bazaars, Fishing Contests, Super Bowl Party, Bonfire on the Beach, Forest Lake Dinner Night Out, Decorating Contests, Highway Pick Up, Garden Club, Ice Creme Social, Color Tour, Halloween Kids Event, Christmas morning breakfast, Pancake Breakfast under the Pavilion, Football Tailgate Party, Pontoon Tie Offs and more. Try and attend these events, you’ll enjoy them. You can be as active or laid back as you’d like. The Annual Board meeting is in July. Other yearly Board Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of March, May, August and the first Saturday of November.

We’re always looking for new activity ideas. Volunteers
are always wanted to keep these events going. Many events have been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Forest Lake depends on its many volunteers with their help and donations for the activities and events that we enjoy. I’d like to say THANK YOU to each and everyone of you that have helped in any way throughout the year!!! You know who you are!!!! A photographer is still needed for events. If you take pictures at any event, please share them. They can be used on the bulletin boards and in the FLIP. Events are always subject to change and cancellation. Make sure I have your email address if you want to be added to the Activity Fans Out.

Winner of the Ox Roast Quilt Raffle was Tina Cole. Thank you to those that bought tickets. See you next year with a new quilt.

Sept. - Kut the Scrap craft club returns. Watch for date and time. October & November events include: Color Tour, Forest Lake Dinner Night Out, Tailgate Party, Halloween Kids event, Lake Lowering, Thanksgiving Dinner and more. Watch Bulletin, Emails, FLIC for info.

Director Paula Nowak

A SUMMER MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Early summer is always a busy time for the maintenance department. Getting things ready for the warm weather activities took up much of our time. Now that we are in the heart of the summer season and the 4th of July and Ox roast weekends are behind us we have resumed our everyday maintenance duties.

At this time of year we usually reduce the number of maintenance employees to three and bring on a fourth if and when special projects are needed.

The following are some of the projects we have completed since the last edition of the FLIP:

+ In the Campground, we filled, leveled and seeded several low spots and graded the road.
+ In other areas, dead and dying trees were removed as needed.
+ A property owner donated the two windows that were installed on the east wall of the Clubhouse near the kitchen entrance.
+ Rental docks were repaired as needed.
+ The steel seawall on the north side of the dam was damaged by the frost this past winter and temporary repairs were done. Later this year a permanent repair will be made.
+ The bridge that for so many years spanned the gap between Whippoorwill Park and the adjacent boat docking area had became so deteriorated that it had to be removed. However, there are plans for it to be replaced.

There are a few projects we hope to complete this summer if all goes as planned. We would like to put a couple of coats of paint on the Clubhouse and clean and treat the cedar siding on the Office. Also, we plan to remove the stones that line both sides of the walkway that lead from the Clubhouse to the beach. We will plant grass in that area, making it neater and easier to maintain.

As always, the Maintenance Department will continue keeping Forest Lake neat, clean and in good working order.

Director Gary Schoenherr
Celebrating Forest Lake’s 45th anniversary, our Annual Ox Roast Picnic Raffle sold all 4500 raffle tickets for the 70 prizes we had to give away. Five hundred and eighteen meals were purchased for this year’s Ox Roast Picnic.

This year’s picnic had two returning events, and one new one. We raffled off 2 nights in one of our camping cabins and we raced minnows! Thanks to Tina and Dan Cole, and Gerald Nowak for hosting the races, as well as the Baskets of Cheer Raffle. Bear and Jeanie Deckert of Pro-scape Landscaping donated a Photo Booth for two hours for everyone to enjoy. The 50/50, Lotto board, Quilt raffle, as well as the main raffle prizes are always a big hit with everyone. This year’s main raffle prizes were an Electric Smoker, Kayak, Patio Fire Bowl, and a Bistro Set.

This year’s donated prizes were from Vogtmann Engineering, Radio Shack, Green Ace Standish, Standish Milling, Dean’s Bait Shop, Narski’s Market, Ann’s Hair Affair, Debbie’s Magic Mirror, Salon and Beyond, Edgewood Greens Golf, Paula Nowak Realtor, M33 Supply, Hank’s Restaurant, Cliff’s Bar, Miss Michele’s Cafe, The Camp Sports Bar, DuRussels Restaurant, Town Club of West Branch, Co Co Cabanas Restaurant, The Home Pub Bar, Mode’rn Craft Winery, Timmy Tire, Computer Club, Done Right Builders, Sequin Lumber Standish, Forward Corp / McTaggert, Rose City Chiropractic, Dean Arbour Ford, and Foxy’s Hair Garage.

Thank you again to all of this year’s volunteers from the early morning meat preparers to the meat cutters, servers, meal & raffle ticket takers, children’s games, cake walk, horseshoes, shuffleboard, and the 50/50. Without your help this picnic would not be the success it continues to be.

I would like to especially thank the following residents and friends for helping me get raffle donations or donating gifts of their own: Rick Voltgmann, Izzy & Annette Cipriano, Carol & Sam Dautermann, Alyce Oertel, Gary & Gail Schoenherr, Sandy Falkenhagen and Marie Gondek selling Forest Lake theme items.
GARDEN CLUB UPDATE

The Forest Lake Garden Club has been very active this spring and summer. The Members care for six gardens: Pavilion, Office, Clubhouse, Campground, West End and the Highlands.

There was a Garden Club Tea Party in the Spring with a variety of teas and desserts; as well as a couple of raffles.

Michigan native plants and perennials were planted in all gardens except at the Clubhouse.

Our gardeners: plan, plant, weed, water, deadhead and manage the gardens for three of our four seasons.

In early summer, Michele David hosted a “glass art class” at her home, along with a delicious potluck. Pat Coppens instructed our class. This class was open to everyone at Forest Lake.

A few of us went to Meadow Brook hall for a tour of the Dodge family estate and the beautiful gardens, as well as out to lunch.

A late summer/early fall meeting will be held to reflect on this year’s Garden Club activities; as well as preparing for fall and future projects.

All of our Garden Club Members are dedicated to keeping our Forest Lake gardens looking beautiful.

Sincerely -
Diane Huckins, Kathie Manning & Kathie Vanloon

BOOK NOOK UPDATE

It has been great to see that people continue to pick up books from the office. Empty spots are quickly filled with donated ones that many of you have brought in, or given to me. Thanks so much for contributing to our little Forest Lake library! There is no charge for selecting a book. If you have several boxes, or even one large container of books, please call me at 989-836-2098 to pick them up, or drop them off at my house. Just leaving them in the office makes the area look cluttered, and I don’t get a chance to go in everyday to pick them up, so sometimes they have piled up.

Thank you, Gail Schoenherr

FISH STOCKING

On April 18, 2015 Imlay City Fish Farms delivered 900 walleye ranging from 6 to 8 inches. The Fish Biologist informed me that the walleye should be 12 to 14 inches by next summer. If you catch any walleye please stop in at the office or email Mark at forestlakepoa@hotmail.com and let us know the size and quantity.

This information will assist in future fish stocking species selection. Thank You.

Director Curtis Brown
FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Rinnai Tankless Water Heaters – Get a faster, endless supply of hot water.

If you’re like most people, when you take a shower or need hot water, you first turn on the hot water and let it run and run and run, until finally all the cold water is out of the line and the hot water starts to flow. Not only is this a big waste of water, but it’s also a waste of money.

Now, imagine turning on a shower or any other hot water tap and getting hot water almost immediately. Thanks to the new Rinnai Ultra Series RUR Tankless Water Heater, that’s now a possibility. Without getting too technical, Rinnai’s RUR models use thermal bypass technology to send unlimited hot water wherever and whenever it’s needed, all in one comprehensive system. By keeping a steady supply of heated water in the water supply line, the RUR makes hot water rapidly available in showers, sinks and appliances such as washing machines and dishwashers.

You can also use the 24-hour digital controller that’s included in the box to save energy by only having hot water immediately available in the water line when you’re most likely to need it — such as in the morning or in the evening. At all other times, the unit would function like a traditional tankless water heater.

If you’re interested in learning more about the Rinnai Ultra Series RUR Tankless Water Heater, visit www.rinnai.us, or contact Grant Arnoldink, HBB Pro Sales Group, Inc., 616-834-7244 or grant@hbbpro.com.

The foregoing article was the result of a meeting with Rinnai in the Forest Lake Office a month ago. We agreed to run it in the FLIP, but we are not endorsing the product. We are only making you aware of their product.

Director Sam Dautermann

CLUBHOUSE FEES

Current rates are as follows:

4 Hour Rental $125.00 for Members
$250.00 for Non Members
(both $250.00 Security Deposit)

All Day Rental $250.00 for Members
$500.00 for Non Members
(both $250.00 Security Deposit)

A Certificate of Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of $300,000 will be required to rent the Clubhouse and/or any Pavilions!
QUARTERLY PROPERTY LISTING FOR SALE BY OWNER!

For the convenience of those Forest Lakers who wish to sell their property "BY OWNER", we are again preparing a listing of such properties. Complete and return the adjacent form with $10. This covers the cost for printed copies listed in the Office and uploaded to the Forest Lake website (www.forestlakemi.org).

The printed copy of the current quarterly listing will be available for free pickup at the Forest Lake business Office. A copy of the printed listing will be sent to all those listing property, if they enclose a stamped, self addressed #10 (legal size) envelope. This listing will expire in December, 2015.

TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS LISTING YOU MUST:
1) Be a member in 'good standing'.
2) List each property on a separate form and include an additional payment for each lot, unless adjacent.

We stress that while we offer this listing service, WE ARE NOT REALTORS, have no authority to perform in that capacity and assume no responsibility with respect thereto.

September 2015
PROPERTY LISTING FORM
Name: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
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Sub & Lot & address (if applicable)
Asking price & short additional description:

Please remit $10 to be included in the printed office listing & listing on the Forest Lake Internet Web Site.
Return with payment to: FLPOA, 6180 Bobcat Trail, Alger, MI 48610

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Please check with the DNR website before doing any open burning of brush. Fire danger can be high this time of year!

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