



**Dear Friends of the Lake, so much has happened the past year and is happening this coming year, we want to be sure you know it all!**

### 2009 Year In Review:

**-Membership:** 2009 was a very successful year! Our association saw huge growth going from 100 members to over 200! We also held two very successful fundraisers which raised over \$8,000! Thank you all!

**-Aquatic Plant Control Program:** 2009 was the 2nd year of working with the city on the APC program. This past season we treated 100 acres of curly leaf pond weed with herbicide and successfully operated the weed harvester using 150 lake association volunteer hours. We would like to thank Chance Norby for heading up this program.

**-Watershed District:** The board continued to work with Comfort Lake-Forest Lake watershed district in educating our membership on clean water projects. We would like to thank Steve Schmaltz for representing the association at watershed meetings. Click here for more information. [Watershed Info](#)

**-Website:** Continued to improve the association website [www.ourforestlake.com](http://www.ourforestlake.com) to make it more user friendly for our members to go and find valuable lake related information. The board would like to thank Donna Kohs for all her time working on the website and accounting for the association.

**-Membership Drives:** Completed our 2nd year of lake association volunteers staffing a booth Tuesday evenings at "Arts in the Park". This has allowed the association to increase membership, educate the community on lake issues and raise money by selling lake related items. Thank you to Gayle Hove for overseeing "Arts in the Park" and for all of the association members who volunteered their time to work at our booth.

**-Budget:** Successfully lobbied the city to increase the city aquatic plant control budget from \$25,000 in 2009 to \$30,000 in 2010.

**-Administrative note:** In November the board voted to hire administrative assistant, Shawn Augustine. Up to this point the association has been run 100% by volunteers. For the association to take the next level, the board truly felt it was important to hire someone that will help increase membership, help with tasks such as this email newsletter, member communications and fundraisers. Shawn has lived in FL for 7 years with her husband and two children, has a local small business and has been active in our community.

She can be reached via email at: [shawnsbaskets@me.com](mailto:shawnsbaskets@me.com) or by calling 651-466-0427.

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### Looking forward to 2010:

**-The Lake Association is teaming up with the Forest Lake Rotary Club to "Get Cold For A Cause"** Board member Chris Hoyt and Mayor Stev Stegner has agreed to plunge into the freezing cold waters of our beautiful lake to raise money for the association. To sponsor Chris and Stev click on the following links to help them raise money for the lake [Winter Plunge-Chris Hoyt page](#) or [Winter Plunge-Stev Stegner page](#) Thanks guys for "Getting Cold" for our cause! Please consider making a donation to both of these guys that are willing to help our association.

**-Ice surface cleanup:** Most of you are aware of the annual ice surface cleanup. Those of you that have helped with this realize how important this event is for the lake. We have two tentative dates set. Saturday March 6th or 13th . As we get closer to March we will confirm a date depending on the amount of snow and ice conditions.

**-Annual Meeting:** Tuesday March 30th is the date that has been set for the annual meeting. Stay tuned to time location and agenda.

**-Board Member Elections:** five board seats are up and we are looking for people that are interested in serving as a board member. Please contact Shawn if you would consider or have questions about serving.

**-2010 Aquatic Plant Control:** The association is grateful to have the opportunity to once again work with city on the control of aquatic plants. In 2010 we will treat 150 acres of curly leaf pond weed. This is a increase of 50 acres. To achieve this the city agreed to contribute \$25,000 and the association board has agree to contribute \$5000.00. The association has also agreed to operate the weed harvester in 2010 similar to 2009. The city will put the harvester both in and out of the lake and haul the weed to the compost. The association will provide up to 150 hours volunteer labor and up to \$2000.00 for fuel and maintenance. This is a total of a \$7000.00 commitment by our association. To do this we need more than association dues from our members to make this happen.

**-Membership Dues:** Due now for 2010. The board has decided keep dues at \$40.00. You will soon receive a invoice via email. Please pay from that invoice as soon as you can and consider donating additional money if at all possible. The association is now a 501(c3) This means all dues and donations at tax deductible.

**Please let us know what we can do to help make your membership with the Forest Lake Lake Association a better experience and thank you again for your continued support of the lake!**

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