

The Spotlight

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Summer is here, and it's great to see everyone enjoying our beautiful parks and beach!

As you're out and about, please watch for children playing and observe all posted speed limits. Let's keep our neighborhood safe for everyone!

A few friendly reminders as we head into the season:

Dogs are not allowed in our parks or on the beach

Children must be accompanied by an adult while at the beach

Swimming is only permitted in the designated swim area

The parks and beach are for use by **FLHPOA members in good standing** (current on dues) and their accompanied guests

We're also pleased to share that the newly adopted Bylaws are now available on the FLHPOA website. Please take a moment to review them.

Save the date: Our **Summer Beach Bash is set for August 2nd** and we're looking forward to a fun-filled day of community spirit, sunshine, and summer fun!

Thank you for helping us keep Fox Lake Hills a wonderful place to live. Here's to a fantastic summer season together!

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ANNUAL HOA DUES

If you haven't paid your 2025 annual dues, please pay immediately. Accounts with an outstanding balance will be sent to collections.

Pay online via Associa's secure portal:
<https://app.townsq.io/login>

Or pay by mail (be sure to include your account # on the check):

FLHPOA
c/o Associa Chicagoland
PO Box 33351
Detroit, MI 48232-5351

For questions, please contact Associa (our financial management company) at (847) 882-8207.

Invoices for 2026 dues will be mailed at the end of November.

FLHPOA BYLAWS

The revised bylaws were officially adopted at the Special Meeting in May. Thank you to all residents who joined us to vote.

View the updated bylaws on our website:
foxlakehills.org/documents/bylaws

Key revisions include:

- Shifting the fiscal year
- Updating late fee policies
- Clarifying the consequences for disruptive behavior or bylaw violations

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NOTE: Contact info is in the "About Us" section of our website (foxlakehills.org).

HARBORMASTER REPORT

The 2025 boating season is underway, and it's great to see the harbor filling up with boats! Once again, all 70 slips have been filled, and we've issued over 110 ramp keys.

Our security cameras are strategically mounted and recording at both Bayview and Chesney harbors. If you observe any suspicious or irregular activity, please report it- include the date and time to help us find and review the footage.

We've made it easy to report incidents (suspicious activity, accidents, lost items, etc.) using the form on our website:

foxlakehills.org/parks-harbor/harbor/

All incident reports are sent directly to the harbormasters to investigate. This timestamps the report, helps us ask the right questions, and gives you the option to have us pull video surveillance if desired.

Speaking of incidents, fishing boats have increasingly been casting lures between piers and docked boats. While they may believe they have access, this is a private harbor, and we ask that they refrain from casting near the boats. Lures and broken fishing lines can cause significant damage costing thousands of dollars. When you're at the harbor, PLEASE help by speaking up to these fishermen- your vigilance protects all our boats and property.

A FEW OTHER REMINDERS FOR THE SUMMER FOR US ALL TO REMEMBER:

- FLHPOA harbor permit stickers must be visible on both your watercraft and trailer. Please place the 2nd sticker near the trailer tongue.
- Only use proper, spill-proof gas containers. Avoid overfilling your tank to help protect our waters.
- Do NOT leave gas cans on piers or in the harbor. Always return them to your vehicle before boarding your boat.
- Do NOT pick up guests from piers that aren't yours. Use the outside of the ramp piers instead.
- Life Jackets may NOT be used as bumpers. If you want protection on your posts, use white marine fenders to match the harbor aesthetics.
- Use cleats, not pier posts, to secure your watercraft whenever possible. This helps reduce wear and tear on the posts.
- Report suspicious activity immediately.
- If you lose or forget your ramp key in the lock, contact us right away so we can help recover it.



HARBORMASTER REPORT *CONTINUED*

Four years ago, we formed a Harbor Committee that meets 4–5 times per year to discuss improvements and present recommendations to the board. If you're interested in joining the committee or helping with harbor maintenance or events, please email Steve– we'd love to hear from you! Fresh ideas and new perspectives are always welcome.



Thanks to smart financial planning by the Harbor Committee and FLHPOA Treasurer, our reserves have been invested in high-yield CDs. This helped replenish funds after our last major project installing permanent piers on the outside of the Bayview Harbor. We're now determining how best to use the harbor's growing reserve accounts to invest in improvements once the CDs mature. Over the next few years, we're focusing on these key projects:

- Removing, rebuilding, and properly spacing the wood piers on the south side of the harbor to accommodate larger, modern boats
- Identifying optimal locations for PWC floating docks to meet rising demand and enable us to rent them annually
- Monitoring harbor depths in preparation for future dredging at Bayview and Chesney

All harbor expenditures are shared at FLHPOA monthly meetings, held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please attend to stay informed about ongoing improvements to our harbor, parks, and beaches.

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HARBORMASTER APPRECIATION DAY

Harbormaster Appreciation Day was launched in 2019 by the team at US Harbors to recognize those who keep our harbors safe, clean, and running smoothly.

Mark your calendars and take a moment on October 8th to show some appreciation for FLHPOA Harbormaster Steve and Assistant Harbormasters Mark, Don, Ron, Tim, and Ian.

Thank you for all you do!



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUL 16	Monthly Meeting	7PM
JUL 18	Friday Night Lights	TBD
AUG 2	Summer Beach Bash + Cardboard Boat Races	3-7PM
AUG 20	Monthly Meeting	7PM
SEP 12	Bonfire on the Beach	7PM
SEP 17	ANNUAL Meeting	7PM
OCT 1- OCT 15	Halloween Decorating Contest (Entries Accepted)	
OCT 4	Fall Fest	1-5PM
OCT 5	Bayview Tavern	1-4PM
OCT 15	Monthly Meeting	7PM
OCT 16- OCT 31	Halloween Decorating Contest (Online Voting)	
OCT 31	Trick-or-Treating	4-7PM
NOV 19	Monthly Meeting	7PM
NOV 28- DEC 14	Holiday Decorating Contest (Entries Accepted)	
DEC 15- DEC 29	Holiday Decorating Contest (Online Voting)	
DEC 17	Monthly Meeting	7PM

NOTE: All FLHPOA events are organized by board members who generously volunteer their time. Many events are weather-dependent, and dates and times are subject to change. Please watch for updates as events approach.

Monthly meetings are held at the Lake Villa Township Community Center (37850 N. Rte. 59).

BEACH SAFETY REMINDER

As we enjoy the beautiful summer days at Bayview Beach, please keep the following safety guidelines in mind:

- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Swimming is only permitted within the designated swim area

Boaters may not see swimmers outside the roped-off swimming area, so it's important that *everyone* follows this rule to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Thank you for helping keep our beach safe and fun for everyone!

Friday Night Lights

**Friday, July 18 (Time TBD)
Bayview Park**

There's no better way to spend a fun summer night than watching a favorite movie outdoors under the stars! Bring a blanket, chairs, snacks, and your cooler. Come early if you want to snag the best seats on the lawn!



Watch for more details on FB and our website as we get closer to the date.

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

We're always looking for help with events and various tasks!

If you're interested in volunteering, please complete the form on the home page of our website:

foxlakehills.org



SUMMER BEACH BASH

Saturday, August 2 from 3-7PM
Bayview Park

Bring your coolers, chairs, and your best summer vibes! Join us for a fun afternoon in the park where neighbors become friends.

Enjoy live music by The Three Beards, delicious food, sweet treats from the ice cream stand, and lots of fun in the sun. Don't forget your swimsuits- the beach will be open for swimming! We can't wait to celebrate summer with you!

cardboard + duct tape = boat

We are planning to have cardboard boat races as part of the event this year, too!

More details will be shared as we get closer to August.

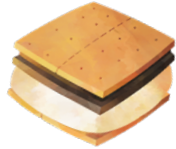
FLHPOA ANNUAL MEETING

We need YOUR help to keep our association going strong- please plan to attend as we need a quorum to elect board members and approve the budget!

Wednesday, September 17 at 7PM

Lake Villa Township Community Center (37850 N. Rte. 59)

BONFIRE ON THE BEACH



Bring your favorite lawn chair and join us for a cozy evening with great company. S'more supplies and bottled water will be provided. It's the perfect night out for the whole family!



Friday, September 12 at 7PM
Bayview Park

FALL FEST

Saturday, October 4 at 1-5PM
Bayview Park

We're planning an afternoon full of fun for all ages- think ice cream treats, tractor wagon rides, a petting zoo, a DJ, yummy food, face painting, and special photography by Nicole Lukemeyer!

Details are still being finalized, but it's shaping up to be a fantastic day. Stay tuned for more information- we can't wait to celebrate fall with you!

BAYVIEW TAVERN

Sunday, October 5 from 1-4PM
Bayview Park

Bring your favorite libations—whether wine, beer, cocktails, or a delightful mocktail—and an appetizer down to the Bayview Tavern (aka the pavilion) for Sunday Funday.

Don't miss this chance to mingle, relax, and get to know your neighbors better!



Trick or Treat!

Friday, October 31
4-7PM

Fox Lake Hills follows the same trick-or-treat hours as the Village of Lake Villa. Watch their socials for updates.
HAVE FUN and BE SAFE!

HALLOWEEN Decorating Contest

It's time to dust off your most BOOtiful decor and ENTER your home in our Halloween Decorating Contest if you DARE!!

To compete in the contest, submit the entry form that will be posted in our Facebook group and on our website between Oct. 1-15.

Online voting will take place from Oct. 16-31, and winners will be announced on November 1st. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!



HOLIDAY DECORATING Contest

Be merry, be bright, make your house a holiday delight! Channel your inner Clark Griswold to create your holiday masterpiece for our Annual Holiday Decorating Contest.

To compete in the contest, submit the entry form that will be posted in our Facebook group and on our website between Nov. 28-Dec. 14.

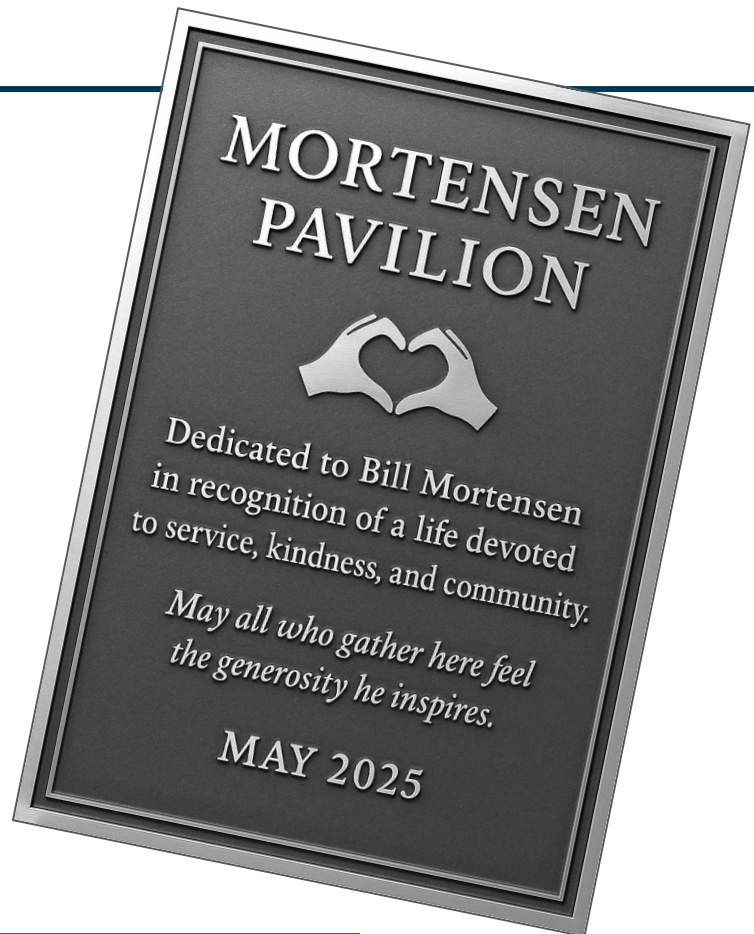
Online voting will run from Dec. 15-Dec. 29. Winners will be announced December 30th. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

THE PAVILION AT BAYVIEW PARK HAS A NEW NAME!

Over Memorial Day weekend, the FLHPOA Board proudly honored long-time member **Bill Mortensen** by dedicating the Bayview Park pavilion in his name.

For more than 20 years, Bill has been a driving force in our community- coordinating projects, monitoring Bayview Park, supporting pavilion events, advocating for safety, and helping to carry out countless behind-the-scenes tasks. He recently stepped down from his role as Director-at-Large, and we couldn't think of a more fitting way to recognize his dedication.

Please join us in thanking Bill for all he's done and give him a well-deserved round of applause next time you see him at the park. Thank you, Bill!



MORTENSEN — PAVILION —

SAFETY SPOTLITE: Stay Safe, Stay Informed

BE ON ALERT

The summer months bring extra visitors to our neighborhood. Please remain vigilant to keep you and others in Fox Lake Hills safe. Here are some tips to discourage crime in our area:

- 1. Report ALL Suspicious Activity** Please call the Lake Co. Sheriff's Office at (847) 549-5200. For emergencies or in-progress crimes, call 911.
- 2. Lock Up** Check that your car and home doors and windows are securely closed and locked when leaving, even for short periods. Skilled intruders only need a few minutes to grab valuable items.
- 3. Close Garage Doors** Ensure your garage doors close completely when leaving and keep them closed when not in use. Opportunistic individuals may use garage doors to gain access to your home.
- 4. Remove Valuables** Do not leave valuables in your cars and boats, especially when parking overnight.
- 5. Exercise Caution with Solicitors** All solicitors are required to carry a permit (Lake Co. *Certificate of Registration*), obey "No Solicitation" signs, honor occupants' requests to leave, and operate only between 11AM and 7PM. Always verify their credentials before providing personal information.
- 6. Monitor Your Mail** Make it a habit to collect your mail daily. Leaving mail unattended for extended periods can attract unwanted attention and potentially lead to identity theft or financial loss.
- 7. Secure Mail Transactions** Refrain from using your mailbox to mail payments or sensitive documents. Instead, opt for electronic payments or drop mail off at the post office. Consider using fraud-prevention (gel ink) pens when writing checks.

MAIL AND PACKAGES

To ensure you're receiving mail and packages, consider signing up for these FREE services:

- **USPS Informed Delivery** Get Daily Digest emails that preview your mail and packages
- **UPS My Choice** Receive delivery notifications and photos, sign for packages, add delivery directions, deliver packages to neighbors, etc.
- **FedEx Delivery Manager** Receive delivery notifications and photos, sign for packages, add delivery directions, redirect packages to a FedEx location, place vacation holds, etc.

STREET PARKING

Parking etiquette is crucial for ensuring the safety and accessibility of our neighborhood. Please:

- Obey posted "no parking" signs
- Steer clear of blind curves and intersections
- Refrain from parking on streets overnight
- Avoid blocking hydrants, driveways, mailboxes
- Use caution when driving near parked vehicles, especially when hauling boats or RVs

Also, if you're expecting a lot of guests, consider informing your immediate neighbors.

By adhering to these simple guidelines, we can make our streets safer for everyone, including emergency responders, pedestrians, and children at play.

STAY CONNECTED

Stay updated on the latest announcements by visiting our website at foxlakehills.org.

Another great source of information is the "Fox Lake Hills Home Property Owners" group on Facebook. To become a member, you must answer the questions when prompted.



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