The Spotlite

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Summer weather has arrived, and we hope you are all enjoying our beautiful amenities. As you are out and about, please observe the 25-mph residential speed limit. Let's keep our neighborhood safe!

Our summer season comes with a shared responsibility to be good stewards of our parks, waterfront, and neighborhood. As a board, we aim to enforce our rules through conversation and de-escalation when situations arise, helping to ensure that our parks and waterfront remain safe and enjoyable for residents and their guests. We kindly ask all FLHPOA residents to join us in fostering a safe and welcoming community. We all need to play our part in caring for our community by being kind and respectful to one another and discouraging inappropriate behavior.

Looking back, it was a busy spring for the FLHPOA. We installed new playground equipment at Bayview Park in April. We had a great crew of helpers, and the installation went well. It was great to see so many community members working together. We hope you get a chance to check out the new equipment.

We also had a lot of cleanup to do in our parks, harbor, and beach after the spring floods. Once again, thanks to all of you who came out to help. We got an incredible amount of work done in a short time.

Save the date: Our Summer Beach Bash is set for August 1 from 3 to 7pm. Please note that we will not be serving hot dogs this year, so please pack your own picnic and come out to enjoy our beautiful beach and park. We're looking forward to a fun-filled day of community spirit, sunshine, and summer fun!

Fall Fest will be held on October 10 from 1 to 5pm. 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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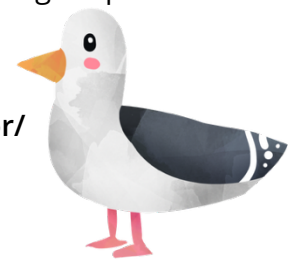
The 2026 boating season is officially underway, and it is great to once again see both Bayview and Chesney Harbors full of activity. We successfully filled all 70 harbor slips again this season and distributed well over 125 permit stickers to our harbor members. It is clear that boating and waterfront recreation continue to be some of the most valued amenities in Fox Lake Hills.

As a reminder, our harbor security camera system remains fully operational in both harbors and records activity 24/7. These cameras have become an important tool for protecting our members' property and investigating incidents when needed. **If you observe any suspicious activity, damage, theft, or unusual behavior, please document the approximate day and time so footage can be reviewed efficiently.**

Residents are encouraged to use the Harbor Incident Reporting System on the harbor page of the association website. This reporting tool allows residents to quickly submit concerns involving suspicious activity, accidents, damage, missing items, pier concerns, or other harbor-related issues. Reports are immediately emailed to the harbormasters for review and investigation. **The form can be found here: https://foxlakehills.org/parks-harbor/harbor/**



A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE BUSY SUMMER SEASON:

- All registered harbor members MUST display their current permit stickers on each watercraft in a visible location. Trailer stickers must also be properly displayed near the trailer tongue.
- Please use only high-quality fuel containers designed to prevent spills when transporting gasoline to your boat. Help us protect our waterways by avoiding overfilling fuel tanks. Gas cans may NOT be stored on piers or left inside the harbor. Please return them to your vehicle immediately after fueling or bring them home and keep them well ventilated.
- Members should avoid using neighboring piers to load or unload guests. The launch ramp piers may be used temporarily for guest pickup and drop-off when needed.
- Life jackets wrapped around pier posts are NOT permitted as bumpers. If you wish to install fenders, please use proper marine fenders, preferably white in color to maintain the appearance of the harbor.
- Whenever possible, tie watercraft to properly installed cleats attached to the pier framing rather than directly to posts. This prevents unnecessary wear and tear on the posts.
- If your new lock code does not work, notify us immediately so we can troubleshoot.
- Most importantly, you should be the only one using your new lock pad code. ***No one else should know or use your code.***

New for 2026, Bayview Harbor now offers 10 PWC floating docks for rent, using a system similar to the boat slips. Currently, there are two residents on a waiting list for a PWC dock. **If you would like to be added to the PWC waiting list, please contact the harbormaster immediately.** Moving forward, it is prohibited to park your PWC in a boat slip or put in your own PWC dock in the harbors. All other PWCs must use the ramps. We will look to expand as demand increases or the waitlist grows. If additional docks are needed, Chesney Harbor would be the most likely area for expansion.

HARBORMASTER REPORT *CONTINUED*

The Harbor Committee continues to meet quarterly and remains focused on maintaining and improving the quality, safety, and long-term planning of our harbor facilities. Over the past several years, the committee has worked closely with the board and treasurer to responsibly rebuild and grow the harbor reserve accounts following major capital improvements, including the permanent pier project completed at Bayview Harbor.

Thanks to careful financial planning and reserve investments, we are now evaluating several future harbor improvement projects, including:

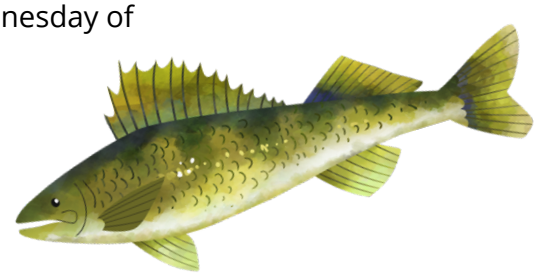
- Rebuilding and redesigning portions of the south-side wood piers to better accommodate larger and more modern watercraft.
- Continuing annual depth monitoring and long-term planning for future dredging operations in both Bayview and Chesney Harbors.
- Evaluating additional electrical, lighting, and security improvements throughout the harbor.

We are always looking for residents interested in becoming more involved with the Harbor Committee. Fresh ideas, volunteer support, and constructive feedback are essential as we continue improving one of the community's most valued assets. If you would like to participate, assist with harbor operations, or simply attend a committee meeting, please reach out to the harbormaster.

One ongoing concern is fishing activity inside the private harbor areas. While we fully support recreational fishing throughout the Chain O' Lakes, casting lures between docked boats and piers inside our private harbors creates a serious risk of damage to members' property. Even a single lure or fishing line can result in costly repairs to gelcoat, upholstery, props, or covers. **We ask all harbor members who observe fishing boats entering the harbors to remind them politely these are private facilities intended for registered harbor members only.**

On behalf of the Harbor Committee, thank you to all members for helping keep our harbors clean, safe, and respectful for everyone throughout the boating season. Your cooperation and pride in the harbor system truly make a difference.

All the expenditure details are in the FLHPOA Harbor Fund accounting report shared at our monthly FLHPOA meetings. Please join us sometime to hear what the board is doing to continually improve your community, parks, beaches, and harbor. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, and all residents are invited to attend.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUL 15	Monthly Meeting	7PM
AUG 1	Summer Beach Bash + Cardboard Boat Regatta	3–7PM
AUG 19	Monthly Meeting	7PM
SEP 16	ANNUAL Meeting	7PM
OCT 8	Harbormaster Appreciation Day	
OCT 10	Fall Fest	1–5PM
OCT 21	Monthly Meeting	7PM
OCT 31	Trick-or-Treating	4–7PM
NOV 18	Monthly Meeting	7PM
NOV 27–DEC 14	Holiday Decorating Contest (Entries Accepted)	
DEC 15–DEC 29	Holiday Decorating Contest (Online Voting)	
DEC 16	Monthly Meeting	7PM
JAN 1	2027 Annual Dues Due	

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 on Facebook and our Fox Lake Hills website (foxlakehills.org) as events approach.

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

Can You Lend a HAND?

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

If you're interested in volunteering, please complete the form on the "Announcements" page of our website.

STAY CONNECTED

Stay up to date with the latest announcements by visiting our website at **foxlakehills.org**.

The ***Fox Lake Hills Home Property Owners*** Facebook group is also a great resource.

SUMMER BEACH BASH

We're looking forward to a fun day in the park and hope you can join us!

We'll have live music from our favorite band, The Three Beards, along with delicious ice cream from Brain Freeze.

N Lukemeyer Photography will be taking photos at this year's Summer Beach Bash instead of Fall Fest, so get your smiles ready!

Saturday, August 1
3–7PM at Bayview Park

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

It's time to put your engineering skills to the test for our upcoming Cardboard Boat Regatta at the Summer Beach Bash! Grab some corrugated cardboard and duct tape to design a vessel that can outlast the competition.

Age groups:
- 6–12 years
- 13–18 years
- 19+ *(Yes, adults can race too!)*

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.

Wednesday, September 16 at 7PM
Lake Villa Township Community Center (37850 N. Rte. 59)

HARBORMASTER APPRECIATION DAY

In 2019, US Harbors started this annual event to recognize the men and women who work tirelessly to keep our harbors safe, clean, and running smoothly.

Mark your calendars and join us in recognizing FLHPOA Harbormaster Steve and Assistant Harbormasters Tim B., Ian, Tim D., Ron, and Mark on Thursday, October 8!

Fall Fest

Saturday, October 10
1–5PM at Bayview Park

Please join us for our annual Fall Fest!

We're looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon with neighbors and friends.

We are still finalizing the details, but we hope to have a petting zoo, pony rides, ice cream, tractor wagon rides, and games and entertainment provided by Soundwave Entertainment.

We hope you and your family can join us for a wonderful fall day in the park!

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Let's carve out some fun for FLHPOA's 1st annual pumpkin decorating contest! This is an all-ages community event, so get the whole family involved.

Unleash your imagination– carve it, paint it, or dress it up! Whether you're a master carver or just getting started, the possibilities are endless.

Only 1 entry per person. Prizes will be awarded. More details will be shared on our Facebook page and website as we get close to October.

Trick or Treat!

4–7PM on Saturday, October 31

Fox Lake Hills follows the same trick-or-treat hours as the Village of Lake Villa. Watch the Village's social media channels for updates.

Have fun and be safe!

Holiday Decorating Contest

Deck the halls and your lawn to win fantastic prizes in 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. 27 and Dec. 14.

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

ANNUAL HOA DUES

If you haven't paid your 2026 annual dues yet, please pay your balance immediately. Accounts with an outstanding balance will be sent to collections.

To pay online: https://app.townsq.io/login

To pay by mail: Include your account number on your check and mail to

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Questions about your bill or account should be directed to Associa, the management company that handles our HOA financials, at (847) 882-8207.

We plan to mail invoices for the 2027 dues in November.

Please watch for a large manila envelope. If you do not receive one, please reach out to one of the board members or Associa.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

We have recently received several concerns regarding neighboring properties and behaviors within the community. We understand that situations involving property maintenance or other issues can sometimes be frustrating.

We encourage residents to speak directly and respectfully with their neighbors as a first step whenever possible. Many concerns can be resolved through a friendly conversation or an offer to help.

If additional assistance is needed, residents may contact:

- Lake County Building & Zoning: (847) 377-4444
- Lake County Sheriff's Office: (847) 549-5200

Thank you for helping foster a positive and respectful community for all residents. Our goal is to keep our community a safe, welcoming, and comfortable place for everyone to live.

SAFETY SPOTLITE: Stay Safe, Stay Informed

BE ON ALERT

As our neighborhood becomes busier during the summer months, please remain vigilant to help keep our community safe. Here are some tips to discourage crime:

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 Doors & Windows Check that car and home doors and windows are securely closed and locked when leaving, even for short periods. Skilled thieves only need a few minutes to grab valuable items.

3. Close Garage Doors Ensure your garage doors are closed when leaving and when not in use. Opportunistic individuals may use garage doors to gain access to your home.

4. Hide Valuables Do not leave valuables in your cars and boats, especially overnight.

5. Exercise Caution with Solicitors All solicitors are required to carry a Lake County permit and obey "No Solicitation" signs, and only operate between 11AM and 7PM. Always verify their credentials before providing personal information.

6. Monitor Mail & Deliveries Leaving mail or packages unattended for extended periods can attract unwanted attention or theft. Collect your mail daily and consider signing up for free services that share updates about expected mail and packages, such as *USPS Informed Delivery*, *UPS My Choice*, and *FedEx Delivery Manager*.

7. Protect 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.

KEEP OUR STREETS SAFE

Please help us keep our streets safe for everyone, including emergency responders, pedestrians, and children at play by following these simple guidelines:

- Do NOT exceed the 25-mph speed limit.
- Obey posted "No Parking" signs.
- Do not park by blind curves or intersections.
- Refrain from parking on streets overnight.
- Avoid blocking hydrants, driveways, and mailboxes.
- Use caution when driving near parked vehicles, especially when hauling boats, trailers, or RVs.
- Come to a complete stop at stop signs and use your turn signals to communicate turns.

BEACH SAFETY

We hope everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful beach at Bayview this summer! To keep it safe and enjoyable for all residents and guests, please keep these reminders in mind:

- Children MUST always be accompanied and supervised by an adult while at the beach.
- Swimmers should always remain within the designated swim area. Swimming outside the marked area is unsafe due to boat traffic.
- Beach water is tested every other week for bacteria. If levels are high, signs will be posted closing the beach. During a closure, testing will occur daily until levels return to a safe range. For your health and safety, please do NOT swim when the beach is closed.
- Pets are not allowed in the park.
- The beach closes at dusk.

Thank you for helping keep our beach safe, clean, and enjoyable this summer!