

Spring Newsletter 2025



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President's Message



Dear Landowners,
Happy Spring! Forbes is looking beautiful this time of year as the dogwoods bloom and the forest leaves begin to fill in. As president, I have been extremely proud of all of the hard work our employees, committees and volunteers have been doing this past year to make sure everything at Forbes runs smoothly, is in excellent repair and offers a wide variety of activities and community outreach for people of all ages and I offer my sincerest thanks to each and every one of you to making Forbes such a wonderful place to call my home.

Over the past two years, Forbes maintenance department has taken on the challenge of taking over as many areas of the maintenance of the park as possible rather than using subcontractors. In order to do this Forbes has needed to purchase more of its own equipment. This fall, we purchased a 2021 John Deere 310SL HL Backhoe Loader. This will allow us to clear and dig ditches, clean culverts, clear away debris and trees, as well as a variety of other applications. In the past, Forbes was spending, on average, \$70,000 per year to subcontract backhoe work for the park. We also purchased a Buffalo PTO Blower. This is an industrial blower that can blow the leaves out of the ditches to help keep the ditches and culverts clear. Clear ditches will keep runoff water flowing through the ditches and help prevent washouts from occurring on the roadways.

We were happy to welcome back our Forbes Fishing Tournament 2024 last year. The fishing tournament was held at the Deer Creek Arm of Lake of the Ozark. Several of our Forbes families came out, caught some fish and shared in a wonderful picnic lunch. This year the Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday June 7th. Please watch for further announcements from our events committee. At this point in time the Bob Lake Dam repair is still in litigation but we do hope to have some resolution to that matter soon and will give updates as we know them.

As always, as a forest community, Forbes is highly vigilant for any signs of forest fire or other extreme weather event. In order to keep our more local community alert to such dangers Forbes started a **One Call Now** system. **One Call Now** is a broadcast messaging service that Forbes will use to quickly send messages to Forbes landowners to alert them to Forest Fires, Tornado Warnings, Severe Thunderstorm Warnings, or any other emergency that may arise affecting landowners on their lots. If you would like to be included in this service, please email the office at agreatday@forbesmo.org with your name, a good phone number and a good email address.

In order to be proactive and to help reduce the amount of ground debris, Forbes is starting a once a month 3" or smaller limb and stick drop off at a designated area to the right of the maintenance shed behind the Forbes Office. The date and time will be announced each month. The maintenance staff will then shred the limbs and free mulch will be available for pickup anytime during daylight hours.

I hope all of our landowners are able to visit their lot(s) this year and see how beautiful Forbes Lake of the Ozarks Park, LOA is in person! My door is always open, and it is my honor to serve as this year's president.

Sincerely,

Becky Cook



Events

With the exception of some events which were cancelled due to weather conditions, we have had an exceptional start to this year's events. While our Chili Cookoff for January was cancelled due to weather, we did successfully hold a FREE jewelry making event. Attendees made earrings, bracelets and necklaces all free of charge. It was great to meet some of our local neighbors! We had so much fun, we have scheduled another for March 26th, 2025 in the Forbes Community room.

We finally got to have our Chili Cookoff on Feb 22nd. What a treat that was! We have some excellent chili chefs in Forbes LOA, which was evident by the winners. We had a 2-way tie for first place, 3-way tie for second place and 1 third place. All of the Chili was so delicious and the best homemade chicken noodle soup ever!



First place:
Lenora Ogden
& Pat Meister



Second Place: Dirk Martin,
Becky Cook and Robin Hoff



Third Place:
Bill Drefs

Please take note of the upcoming events schedule that covers through June on the next page and save the dates! If you want event info/reminders in your email, send an email to: agreatday@forbesmo.org. Along with these events, we have had some excellent suggestions from land owners! While the dates and times are not yet set, here's what you can look forward to.

July- We will host a "Meet and Greet" in the Forbes Community Room. This allows everyone to meet your neighbors and especially the newer landowners. All of us will be "tasked" to bring one landowner that hasn't met others face to face yet. Date and time TBA. (Thank you, Robin, for the suggestion!)

August-Arts & Craft Fair. Date and time TBA.

September-Forbes Landowners and family picnic & barbeque. Stay tuned for upcoming details!

October-Annual Meeting

In between the monthly events, we will have other events such as rock hunting, Missouri Dept. of Conservation events and local field trips!

As always, we appreciate your continued support in attending the events!

Becky C., Judy D. and Becky M.

To RSVP an Event
Send emails to :
events@forbesmo.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

2025

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MARCH

FREE JEWELRY MAKING CLASS

Join us from 9AM to 1PM in the Community Room. No charge for supplies & no charge to attend! Make beautiful beaded necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Lessons provided! Bring your favorite potluck appetizer! Combined with our weekly Coffee Social!



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APRIL

EASTER EGG HUNT & PARTY

In partnership with the Colony Baptist Church! Bring the kids to the Forbes Community Room for a Easter egg hunt and Party! Crafts, games, food and an Easter egg hunt!
Time of event: From 1 PM to 4 PM



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MAY

FORBES LOA GARAGE SALE

Rain or shine, come to the Forbes Community Garage Sale in our community Room from 8AM to 3PM. There's something for everyone!
Set up on Friday 5/09/25, from 10 AM - 3 PM



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JUNE

ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Get ready, it will be here before you know it! Our annual fishing tournament, held again this year on the Lake of the Ozarks, followed by lunch and award presentations in the Forbes Community Room. This is the Mo. Dept of Conservations **FREE FISHING WEEKEND!** Watch for details soon!

SAVE THE DATES!

"With winter finally making its exit, spring is arriving in full force! This means it's time to enjoy the park's beauty—whether it's fishing, hiking, or simply taking in the vibrant colors of the season. Of course, for those with allergies, it also means some seasonal discomfort.

Spring is also the perfect time to start outdoor projects, whether big or small. If you're planning a new project or home improvement, all necessary forms can be found on the **Members Only** page. Simply navigate to **Documents and Forms**, then click on the **ECC Form** page for everything you need. If you have any questions, feel free to email the ECC.

For lot owners eager to start camping, please review the **covenants**, particularly the **Second Amendment**, which outlines which lots allow camping. Additionally, a **camping request form** must be submitted before your arrival.

As for the park, we currently have **78 completed homes** and **nine new home builds** in various stages of construction. I look forward to approving even more home projects in the future!

Enjoy the season and all that the park has to offer!"

Robert Cavin,

ecc2@forbesmo.org

Park Superintendent

"As the park superintendent for the past three years, I have focused on acquiring the necessary equipment to maintain the park efficiently. During this time, we have minimized the use of contractors, relying only on external services for road grading. To further enhance our maintenance capabilities, a few additional pieces of equipment are still needed. Despite this, our dedicated maintenance crew has been working hard to prepare the park for another fantastic season of fishing and camping.

We are always looking for ways to improve your experience. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact our maintenance team via phone or email.

We hope you have a wonderful time enjoying the park's natural beauty!"

Thank you ,

Gary Hallock Jr
Park Superintendent
Maintenance@forbesmo.org
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Lakes & Wildlife

All lakes are thriving with minnows, and weed control is showing positive results. New fish structures have been installed, and both turkey and deer populations are excellent, a couple of Bobcat have also been seen.

Dredging on Bob Lake is complete.

Eggs have been found in the duck house on Turtle Pond, and cameras will soon be installed at all duck houses—please keep a safe distance.

We plan to introduce hydroponic plants to the lakes and ask landowners to retain any bass 12 inches and under to improve fishing quality.

Additionally, a “Bragging Rights” bulletin board has been set up at the office to showcase impressive catches from Forbes Lakes. Feel free to email or bring in a photo of your catch to the office for display.

We also encourage everyone to fill out fishing reports to help track improvements and enhance community engagement.

Dirk Martin & Bill Drefs

Lakes & Wildlife

OneCall Now Reporting

To report a Forest Fires, Tornado Warnings, Severe Thunderstorm Warnings, and other related emergencies in Forbes LOA Park, please text the information **660-223-8523**.

Please provide location & as much information as possible.

If you want to be included on the OneCall Now list, please email Lenora at agreatday@forbesmo.org.

Thank you,

Lenora Ogden



Treasurer Report

As Treasurer, I am pleased to report that despite the legal uncertainties and emergency equipment purchases, we have managed to meet or stay within our budget forecast for this year in most areas. This achievement is only possible due to the hard work and dedication of our Office and Park employees.

However, I must highlight that outstanding and unpaid assessments currently represent about 9% of lot owners. This situation is of grave concern for the Board and for those faithful landowners who have met their obligations on time. We are working diligently and legally to collect these delinquent assessments in order to avoid raising assessments for everyone.

Thank you,

Bill Drefs



Treasurer



Any improvements to your lot must be pre-approved by the Environmental Control Committee! If you are thinking of building contact the office for the



“Project Approval Handbook”

Office Closed During Staff 'vacations & Illness!

Notice of days closed will be posted on the Forbes website & Facebook Page.



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2025 Office Holidays Observed

Wednesday, January 1st
 Monday, May 26th
 Friday, July 4th
 Monday, September 1st
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday,
 November, 26th, 27th & 28th
 Wednesday, Thursday
 December 24th & 25th



Please note the change.
***Board Meeting Annual Meeting**
Saturday, October 18th 10am

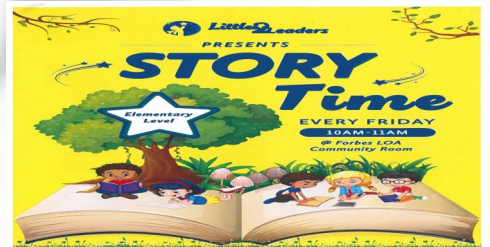


Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 17th 6:00 pm
- Monday April 21st 6:00 pm
- Monday, May 19th 6:00 pm
- Monday, June 16th 6:00 pm
- Monday, July 21st 6:00 pm
- Monday, August 18th 6:00 pm
- Monday, September 15th 6:00 pm
- Saturday October 18th 10am**
- Monday, November 15th 6:00 pm
- Monday, December 15th 6:00 pm



Join us every Wednesday for Coffee at the Forbes Community Room at 9:00 a.m.



Story Time every Friday 10:00-11:00 at the Forbes Community Room