

# The Woodlands Acorn



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## A Message from your President

*Andy Nist*



Happy fall friends and neighbors! Well if you are like me saying goodbye to summer is hard but thankful that we live in a neighborhood where the beauty of fall can be seen

all around us in the soon-to-be changing color of our foliage. And as always your dedicated WHA Board is hard at work trying to maintain and move things forward. Below are some bullets from my perspective that you might be interested in:

1. We are operating in the black,
2. Pool is officially shut-down for the season with next spring work/projects needing completed,
3. Tennis court resurfacing completed,
4. Trees removed and trimmed around tennis courts and property,
5. Dam inspection and hydro-analysis moving forward,
6. Continued lake access improvements being planned,
7. Clubhouse rental badge reader and pool access being investigated/considered,
8. Scope of required financial review being put out for bid,
9. Upcoming activities scheduled for this fall/winter

Of course if you are interested in more information please go to our website that has all our Monthly Board Meeting notes readily available for your viewing pleasure at <http://woodlandshomeowners.org/>. And not too far around the corner will be the need to slot new Board candidates so if you want to get involved please email Tim McCullough at [woodlandsvicpres@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsvicpres@yahoo.com).

With warmest regards,

Andy

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 8! To find your polling place or information about absentee or early voting you can visit the Hamilton County Government website at [www.hamiltoncounty.in.us.gov/222/Current-Election-Information](http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.us.gov/222/Current-Election-Information).

## Tennis Report

*Melinda Nash*

Tennis is drawing to a close for the year. This has been a fantastic Summer and Fall. The courts are finally completed and look amazing. The Summer and Fall lessons were tremendous with great participation and we had fantastic instructors. I was so impressed with some of the older kids that have been enrolled in our program for a couple of years and how good they have become. It was amazing for me to see. I will be taking

down the nets in the beginning of November so take advantage of our awesome courts while you can. Also, please contact me if you see kids on the courts doing other activities than tennis. We have had some chairs that have been thrown around and broken. This was not done by accident. Have a great Fall and we look forward to seeing everyone next summer!

## Grounds Update

*Jeff Kempson*

**Dam/Spillway** - VHW Engineering has been contracted to perform an inspection of the dam in compliance with Indiana Department of Natural Resources requirements. The inspection, and the accompanying report, should be completed by the end of September or the beginning of October.

**Boat Organization/Lake Access Path** - Now that summer has come to an end, further efforts to organize the boats/canoes, and to improve the access path leading up to the lake, are planned. Be alert for an upcoming neighborhood broadcast with details on this project. Help would be appreciated.



**Boats and canoes at  
Lake Woodlands  
Access Area on the  
Dam**

Hopefully we will enjoy several more weeks of beautiful fall weather but... when the snow does come, please remember to shovel the sidewalks in front of your homes. Your efforts will help keep our children walking to bus stops out of the street, safe and dry, as well as our neighbors when they are out.

## Pool News

*Ross Sexter*

Hi, neighbors. What a season it has been. I really just can't believe that it is over already. But all good things must come to an end. Our season was blessed by some great warm periods this year with some rainy weeks but overall it was a great summer for an outdoor pool.

We continue to improve on our biggest jewel in my opinion of our neighborhood our community pool. We added back the Sunday volleyball which was a crowd favorite again. We had some great movie nights and we kept the pools up and running without fail for the most part.



Movie night at the Woodlands

As most pools we had our challenges too. We were hit with several pretty good wind events that make our jobs more difficult to keep our pool as immaculate as we would like. As always I really appreciate your feedback on the pool and deck conditions. If you ever have any questions don't hesitate to contact myself or our head guard.

After several very dedicated years I am sad to announce that our head Guard Maddie will not be returning next year as she is preparing for a career in nursing. We all wish her the best and I'm sure if her time with us is any indication she will be a fantastic nurse.

I would like to also start to recruit for the 2017 swim season and get any interested parties to contact me for guarding positions. I would like to have our guard staff hired by no later than April 1, 2017.

Some of the improvements we are working on this winter are new lounge chairs, a new lane line holder and take-up reel and refurbishing our diving board. These improvements should all be in place prior to our pool opening.

I have also started to look into the community interest in converting our current baby pool into a splash pad for our younger citizens. If you have an opinion, please feel free to let me and the board know your thoughts. I will also be initiating a survey sometime this winter regarding this.

I would also like to thank everyone that helped us cover the pool this year and plant the seed early for helping to uncover the pool. As many of you are aware we are a self-managed pool and really rely on our neighbors to help with some of these tasks. Many of our bordering neighborhoods outsource many of these functions to a third party unconcerned entity. This self-management and maintenance saves our community thousands of dollars. So please help us help ourselves.

I also would appreciate everyone helping to follow and enforce the pool rules. One of the biggest violations we encounter is food on the pool deck. In 2017 the guards will be enforcing this rule vehemently. This is a board of health rule not a Woodlands choice.

Thanks again to everyone and have a great winter until we can be swimming outdoors again.



Closing the pool

## Activities

*Michele Kirby, Amanda Tutino, Zeno Tutino*

What a great summer we had in the Woodlands despite some pretty intense heat and humidity! Thank you to all the neighbors who were able to come out and participate in the various activities.

Our Neighborhood Garage Sale saw some rain but we still had a very good showing. Next year we're planning to coordinate with the Woodland Springs' garage sale event so that together we'll have an even stronger turn out. We had quite a long parade for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bicycle Parade and our Carmel Fire Department is

already inspired for next year planning to embellish things with a little water show in addition to the parade. The Woodlands' debut Wine and Canvas event was packed full and we had so much positive feedback that we're planning on organizing another event for the end of Fall/beginning of Winter period. Finally, we bid farewell to Summer with our End of Summer Bash which, again, had to fight against the elements a bit but in the end turned out very nice and was well enjoyed by all who attended.

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### **Mark your Calendars and Stay Tuned for the following Upcoming Activities**

#### **Woodlands Halloween Costume Party and Game Night!**

October 30<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm @ Woodlands Clubhouse

#### **Go Blue for the Colts! Game Watching Party**

November 20<sup>th</sup> 12:30 @ Woodlands Clubhouse

#### **Sundae's with Santa**

December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm @ Woodlands Clubhouse

#### **Fall-Winter Hot Cocoa/Apple Cider/Vin Brule Canvas Event**

Date and Time TBD @ Woodlands Clubhouse

#### **Woodlands' Progressive Dinner**

Date and Time TBD and location will be throughout the Woodlands Neighborhood



## Membership Notes

*Linda Withrow*

We will be sending out new Woodlands Neighborhood directories at the beginning of the new year. I have been working to make sure that all new homeowners are recognized and have had the opportunity to fill out the **2016 Member Information Sheet**, which is what we use to make sure our Directories are accurate.

For families that have lived in the neighborhood longer, you should have filled out your **2016 Member**

**Information Sheet** when you paid your dues in February. For those of you that paid your dues online, you might have missed returning the form to the Clubhouse (like my husband). Email me at [woodlandsmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsmembership@yahoo.com) if you need to fill out the **2016 Member Information Sheet**. I will send the form to you electronically. We only print directories every 3 years, so the goal is to have you provide us with your most up-to-date information.

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## Vice President

*Tim McCullough*

I hope that everyone had a great summer and now we are heading into the fall season, everybody's calendar starts to book up to have a great fall and winter season. I want to give a big thank-you to all that helped put the pool cover on and have helped in making the summer season a fun time. We are looking to next year at this time especially preparing for the new years' activities. So check those calendars and maybe find some time to become a very active homeowner in the Woodlands. We will be looking to fill several Board of Directors positions so step forward and get involved.

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## Bats in the Woodlands?

Recently a Woodlands homeowner raised a question about bats often seen in the Woodlands. Bats are nocturnal mammals that feed on flying insects. They hibernate for six months during the winter usually in caves and migrate to wooded areas in the summer where they roost under the loose bark of dead or dying trees. Bats are extremely helpful with insect pest control eating up to 3,000 to 7,000 insects a night. However, it's important to remember that bats are wild animals and may carry rabies just like skunks, foxes, and raccoons. Bats can find their way into basements, attics, or garages and it's important to take precaution when encountering a bat. Information about rabies and Indiana wildlife, including bats, can be found in the Indiana State

Department of Health Epidemiology Resource Center Quick Facts Bulletin at <https://secure.in.gov/isdh/files/2015QuickFactRabies.pdf>. More information about the endangered Indiana Bat and the additional 11 bat species living in Indiana can be found at <https://secure.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3371.htm>. Please report your finding of dead or dying bats; live bats that are grounded or appear to have problems flying; live bats with odd behaviors (flying outdoors in daytime and/or during winter); or bats (dead or alive) that have white fungus on their nose, ears, and/or wings at <https://secure.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/6386.htm>.



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## Upcoming Woodlands Events

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| October 10  | Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.            |
| October 30  | Halloween Costume Party 2 - 4p.m.  |
| November 14 | Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.            |
| November 20 | Watch the Colts Play & Party 12:30 |
| December 4  | Sundaes with Santa 1 – 3 p.m.      |
| December 12 | Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.            |
| January 9   | Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.            |
| February 13 | Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.            |