

The Woodlands Acorn



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A Message from your President

Tim McCullough



Wow!! Summer has come and gone. It seems as though we should just be starting summer with the temperatures as high as they are. School has started

and now we have time to set back and watch Mother Nature put on her show of beautiful colors.

The city is still going strong on their construction projects, so let's give those workers a break and slow down in those zones. Hopefully these road construction projects will make it easier to get around in the Carmel area.

While all these activities are going on around us the Board has been very busy with projects of their own. The clubhouse director has been sprucing up the exterior of the clubhouse by having some trees removed around the front entry and new landscaping installed. Along with his work on this project he has been busy correcting some problems that have arisen with the gas piping and water in the basement and crawl space. He is proceeding to look at the electrical and HVAC systems for ways to improve our facility.

We have closed the pool with the help of many volunteers from all our neighbors. The director has been busy studying what we will do with the baby pool for next season.

Your activities directors have been busy with new activities for the association to get involved with. They have started a seniors program of activities with the idea of checking on seniors as the snowflakes fall. They did a very successful chili cook off and entertainment day at the clubhouse. Hope this becomes an annual event. They are always looking for assistance in doing these activities. Volunteer to help on something

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What Is Going On In The Woodlands?

Follow us on twitter at www.twitter.com/WoodlandsCarmel, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WoodlandsCarmel, and visit us online at woodlandshomeowners.org!

Activities

Amanda Tutino and Wanda Kenney

It's hard to believe summer is already over! Thank you to everyone in the neighborhood for your sense of community and participation making it a great season ☺ You probably noticed that Activities is working on livening up and revamping some of our traditional activities so that they fit better with our current neighborhood makeup. An ENORMOUS thank you to the volunteers on our new Social Committee for stepping up to help liven up the neighborhood!

The **Woodlands Social Committee** is composed of neighborhood volunteers from a variety of age groups and backgrounds meeting on a regular basis to plan and bring together activity ideas. Keep your antennas up for new developments and feel free to submit your ideas to woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com

Street Fest and Chili Cook-Off

What a great inaugural event for the neighborhood! Live music, friendly competition for all ages, art, games... We are definitely looking into making this an annual tradition due to its success this year. There wasn't an accurate head-count but estimates are that around 100 neighbors were in attendance and 19 chilis! The chili varieties were amazing! Everyone had so much fun tasting and voting on the best chili. And... (drum roll please)...the 2017 Woodlands Chili Cook-Off Champion was Mat Poulos. Mat won the coveted WHA Chili Cook-Off Winner wooden spoon and his name on the perpetual plaque that will hang in the Clubhouse - see the accompanying article about this unique award. Bravo to all participants and CONGRATULATIONS, MAT!



4th of July Picnic and Parade

We had really fun turnout this year! Our goal is to turn the event into a traditional family style picnic together with the parade. Bring your swim-suits next year! Runners/Joggers, be on the lookout as there was a request to organize a group of joggers to join the parade!

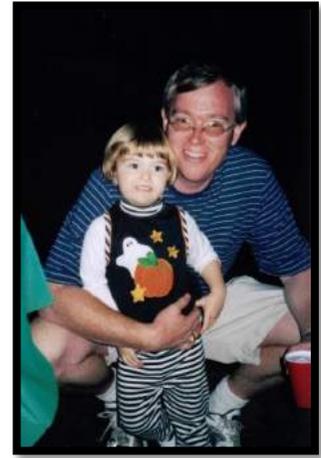


Be sure to check out past activities pictures on our newly updated Facebook Page! "The Woodlands, Carmel, IN"

Memories of Woodlands Chili Cook-Offs

Linda Withrow

I can't think of a fall chili cook-off and not think of David Graham. David and his wife, Paige, and their 3 kids lived on Braewick Court. For many years they hosted a fall chili cook-off in the cul-de-sac. David would often wear a kilt and you could hear his booming voice around the corner. Kids were always welcome, running around playing, and Paige's Southern upbringing would come in handy as she entertained neighbors in style. When David passed away on May 11, 2011 at the age of 45, the chili cook-offs stopped. Paige and the kids moved south to be closer to her family. – Life happens. – David grew up right here in The Woodlands and is a 1983 Carmel High graduate. His mom, Pat Graham, still lives on Briar Dr. where she has lived since 1977. Pat was an active real estate agent in the neighborhood, only retiring a few years ago. So when the newly formed Woodlands Social Committee decided to add a chili cook-off as part of the Fall Street Fair, I knew that a memorial plaque to honor David and his family HAD to be a part of the festivities. I got permission from Paige and Pat, who were both overjoyed that we wanted to remember David in this way. Paige provided the photo



for the plaque and Pat provided the blessing. The plaque is called a "perpetual plaque" meaning that people's names will be added as new chili cook-off champions are named. The plaque will hang in the Clubhouse, so look for it next time you are there. Thank you to the Graham Family for celebrating David's memory and his *joie de vivre* at this year's Fall Street Fair and Chili Cook-off!

PHOTO CAPTION From left to right: Mike Graham (David's cousin), Pat Graham (David's mother), Judith Norton Wasik (cousin who also lives in The Woodlands), and Mike's wife, Cathy Graham.

Mark your Calendars and Stay Tuned for the following Upcoming Activities

Euchre Night! The intent is that this will become recurring a monthly activity. The inaugural event will be on Friday, **Oct. 13th** at the Clubhouse at 6:30pm. Winner takes all! RSVP is REQUIRED: woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com

Octoberfest & Fall Gathering October 28th - this event will take the place of the Halloween Party which was not very well attended in prior years. The goal is to open the event to a broader range of age interests and provide unique activities for the neighborhood that aren't found elsewhere. Keep your eyes peeled for the detailed invite with more information to come!

New Year's / Mid-Winter Celebration! In lieu of a Christmas themed activity we're going to try out a new years themed activity instead. Again, you'll just have to stay tuned for more details as they are currently under development.

Membership Notes

Linda Withrow

All but 43 of the 2017 WHA Directories have been delivered! If you don't have one of the new, light blue directories, let me know and I will get one to you. You can call me at 317-663-0552 or send me an email at: membership@woodlandshomeowners.org

Twenty-six homes have sold in neighborhood so far this year, which means there are 26 new homeowners in The

Woodlands! -- There are eight new homeowners since August alone: 3645 East 106th Street, 3409 Briar Circle, 10919 Braewick Drive, 3606 Brunswick Drive, 147 Chadwick Court, 10935 Lakeshore Drive East, 10148 Partridge Place, and 10820 Queensbury Court. -- Remember to introduce yourself to your new neighbors!

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.

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very small and see if you like it. The grounds director has been busy this summer by getting the railroad ties around the perimeter of the parking lot removed and disposed of which gives us a much cleaner look. The clubhouse parking lot will take on a new appearance with the parking lot being sealed and striped. He has also been busy making sure our dam/spillway items are up to code and ways to prevent us from having to spend money on moving rip rap stone every couple of years.

The tennis director has been busy promoting lessons for all ages. She has been promoting the use of the resurfaced court until the nets come down for winter.

This may be bit wordy but I think it is important that we inform the association of the progress that each director

is making to make your neighborhood a great place to live.

The leaves are beginning to fall and we will be scurrying about to clean our yards for onset of snow. We also need to remember to use good judgement on when to set those trash bins out and when to retrieve them from the street after the trash truck has been through. Those big blue bins are very unsightly when left at the curb.

I am sure I have forgotten some issues, but that is it for now. Have a great fall and safe winter.

With Sympathy...

Woodlands neighbor and 2008 WHA board member, Geraldine "Gerri" Ann Turney, passed away on September 10, 2017. She lived on Braewick Dr. with her husband, Stephan of 45 years, where they raised two daughters, Alison and Amanda. We appreciate her service to the Woodlands.



Clubhouse Update

Mike Pipke

Hi Neighbors!

Mike Pipke here (10623 Lakeshore Drive East). I am the new clubhouse director in this role since March, 2017. This message is an update on the clubhouse projects completed and status of clubhouse projects planned. The goal is to make the clubhouse safe and inviting to all.

Special THANKS to Jake Miller Plumbing, Inc. for outstanding work performed.

Completed

- New Pella sliding glass door on pool deck.
- New exhaust vents installed in all bathrooms that now vent outside.
- Motion sensor light switches installed in bathrooms.
- New attractive landscaping improvements in front of clubhouse.
- All old leaking gas lines in crawl space and basement replaced.
- All old leaking sewer lines and copper water lines in crawl space and basement replaced.
- New sump pumps installed and drains opened up in basement.
- HVAC air handler repaired in crawl space.

Projects Planned

- Repairs to electric meter base (projected for 2017).
- Mold remediation and crawl space encapsulation to improve air quality in clubhouse (2018).
- Replace apartment windows (2018).
- Replace shingles on clubhouse roof (2018).



Above: photo of front porch of clubhouse.

Left: photo shows bushes removed and new landscaping at clubhouse entrance.



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Upcoming Woodlands Events

October 9	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
October 13	Euchre Night 6:30 p.m.
October 28	Octoberfest
November 13	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
December 11	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
January 8	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
February 12	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.