

# The Woodlands Acorn



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## A Message from your President

*Tim McCullough*



The 2017-2018 Board has been elected and we have already been implementing the projects that were started from last year's Board. We are continuing to review all the contracts that

we have open making sure we are getting the best price for services being offered. This also includes the new project list. Each director has come with some exciting new ideas for community involvement and activities for everyone's enjoyment.

As the summer season is here and everyone is airing out their houses from all the winter smells, we want everyone to be mindful that annoying noises that we deem as normal, may be considered as annoyances by our neighbors. We need to remember that a pet that is left outside barking may be creating more noise than we as neighbors were used to when the windows were closed. Also please be considerate of the hours of the evening. Lawn equipment being used outside of the normal hours can also cause disturbances. Please remember to be kind to your neighbors.

We also know that we all like to start new project(s) for summer. It has been the customary action of the Board to not get involved in these projects. If it is a construction project then we utilize the Carmel ordinances on file. We ask everyone to be neighborly and inform our abutting neighbors what we are planning.

Please pay close attention to our driving, because we now have small ones playing about, or heading to an activity, heading to the tennis courts or the pool. We know road projects affect traffic patterns dramatically so let's be careful.

We have lost one of our volunteer positions as Crime Watch Chair for the north side of 106<sup>th</sup> street. We are looking for a volunteer to fill this position. Please contact the President.

Remember to sign up for the activities at the clubhouse. I rather have a short article but have important information for all.



Have you spotted these in our neighborhood? See page 7 to find out what they are and where you can find them!



## Tennis Report

*Melinda Nash*

Tennis Season is upon us. We had a mild winter so the nets remained up and the courts are ready to go. Please enjoy those beautiful courts that were just resurfaced last year.

Since we have new resurfaced courts, I am going to be strict only allowing tennis players on the courts. No dogs, skateboards, etc. should be on the courts. Please adhere to the rules and please be mindful of other players when on the courts. Again, **ONLY TENNIS** should be played on the courts. Please continue to help me take care of the courts by throwing away your trash etc.

This is going to be another great summer!!! Our two dynamic instructors are returning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this summer for our Summer Tennis Lessons. Our lead instructor is Sam Luke. Sam L. has played tennis since he was 7. He was in the Washington Township program until his sophomore year and then switched to IRC (Indianapolis Tennis Club). He has had been in tennis lessons, camps and workshops for many, many years. He also taught in the Washington Township program working with the tennis tots and the elementary kids. He played varsity tennis since he began at Bishop Chatard High School. He was the No. 1 singles player as a junior and senior and now plays for Trine University. Our Assistant Instructor is Sam Klineman. Sam has also been taking tennis lessons for many years. He has played at the Devon Country Club taking

lessons from Cathedral’s head coach, Mark Noe. He is now playing for IRC and takes many lessons. He is currently in a tournament players’ class for high schoolers at IRC. He played varsity doubles as a freshman and varsity 3 singles as a sophomore and Junior for Bishop Chatard High School.

Tennis Lessons will be held on Monday’s, Wednesday’s and Friday’s. The first session will begin on Monday, June 3. The lessons will have a two-week hiatus due to the people on the swim team. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session will begin on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The first session registrations are due on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. And Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. The tennis courts are reserved for lessons from 8:30am – 11:30am M – F for the months of June and July. The registration form is included in the ACORN at the tennis court bulletin board and from the lifeguards. Lifeguards **will not accept payments**. The payments can now be turned into the clubhouse mailbox next to the entrance of the clubhouse. Please include your form with your payment. I can also be reached at [melindanash@earthlink.net](mailto:melindanash@earthlink.net) or 317/294-1376 or 317/705-0158 for further questions. Again, this is the best deal in Carmel. I look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Remember you can play Pickleball on the courts. Stay tuned for lessons in the Fall. They will be on Friday’s after school.

## WOODLANDS TENNIS LESSONS - 2016

*(Still the best deal in Carmel!)*

We are pleased to announce that Sam Luke (Tennis Instructor) and Sam Klineman (Assistant Instructor) will head up our tennis program. No classes held during last week in June and the first week in July. Rain dates will be scheduled as needed/available. Lessons scheduled around swim team practice for each age group. For students taking both sessions, instruction will continue from where they left off. Instruction will be geared to each age group. First come first SERVED...We fill up fast so don’t delay. **COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT.**

**Session 1:** June 5 - June 23 M, W, F

**Session 2:** July 10 - July 28 M, W, F

<u>AGE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COST PER SESSION</u>
5-8	8:30-9:15 AM	\$35
8-10	9:30-10:15 AM	\$35
11-14	10:15-11:15 AM	\$40

**REMINDER:** To avoid black marks, only light-colored soles allowed on our beautiful courts. Student should bring a **racquet, sunscreen & water bottle.**

**PAYMENT** to accompany registration form, please. (Fee must be paid for each child in family.) Please make checks payable to *Woodlands Tennis*. Send to Melinda Nash 3407 Briar Circle or place in drop box at the clubhouse front door with form.

Phone 705-0158

Email [melindanash@earthlink.net](mailto:melindanash@earthlink.net)

REGISTER BY Saturday, June 3th.

(payment secures spot)

COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM with PAYMENT.

STUDENT LESSONS:

NAME & AGES (S): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME (S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SESSION 1 (June 5-June 23) \_\_\_\_\_ SESSION 2 (July 10-July 28) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please include your email address so I can communicate more effectively.

## Swim Lessons

Lessons will be held Monday-Friday for a ONE-week period. You may sign up for multiple sessions. Cost per session is \$15 cash or check payable to Woodlands Homeowners Association. Payment must accompany form and homeowner must be in good standing. Classes are filled on a first-come basis.

Swimmers will be grouped based on ability and age. By signing up for swim lessons, you acknowledge that it is the responsibility of the Pool Managers and staff to move children up OR down in level based on ability and space.

**Minnows:** Child learns to be comfortable in the water. Work on putting face in and floating. Children learn the arm movements of swimming and kicking. They also learn to get back to the wall if they fall or jump in. (Kids sit on the steps.)

**Flying Fish:** Child needs to be comfortable in the water and be able to swim a little by themselves. Children learn freestyle with side breathing. They also learn the backstroke.

**Sting Rays:** Children need to be able to swim the width of the pool without stopping. Work is done on freestyle and backstroke while learning breaststroke and diving.

**Marlins:** Child should be able to swim the width of the pool backstroke and freestyle. Continue working on breaststroke and learn butterfly. Also work on starts, finishes, and turns.

**Sharks:** Child needs to know all four strokes and be able to swim a lap of each legally. Work on stroke technique, starts, turns, finishes, and speed.

## SWIM LESSON ENROLLMENT FORM

**REGISTRATION begins when the pool opens on May 27 at 10:00 a.m.** Please turn in forms and payment to any lifeguard to check for class availability. An enrollment form can also be found at [www.woodlandshomeowners.org](http://www.woodlandshomeowners.org). Please see the HEAD GUARD (Jessica Deady) with any questions or concerns. There will be no make-ups for rain days or missed classes.

Please circle the sessions that are most convenient for you.

Session I: June 5-9      Session II: June 12-16      Session III: June 19-23      Session IV: June 26-30

Please review the group levels and circle the name of the group that would be most beneficial to your child. This does not guarantee that class. If the class is not full, it may be cancelled or combined with another class.

Minnows                  Flying Fish                  Sting Rays                  Marlins                  Sharks

Please circle the time desired. This does not guarantee that class. If there are fewer than 3 in a class, it will be cancelled or combined with another class.

Minnows and Flying Fish:                  10:00-10:30                  10:30-11:00                  11:00-11:30

String Rays, Marlins and Sharks:                  10:00-10:40                  10:40-11:20

COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM and include PAYMENT.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ For WHA purposes:  
 Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeowner in good standing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name & address of homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pool News

Ross Sexter

**Pool opens Saturday, May 27<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**Pool Hours** (during lessons 6/5-6/30) Sun\* 10 am-8 pm Mon – Thurs 12pm-8 pm Fri-Sat\* 10 am-9 pm  
**Pool Hours** (not during lessons) Sun\* 10 am-8 pm Mon – Thurs 10 am-8 pm Fri-Sat\* 10 am-9 pm

\*Each weekend day will begin with a half hour swim period from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for adults only.  
 Children will not be allowed in the pool or on the deck during this time.

Guest fees are \$1 per guest on weekdays and \$2 per guest on weekends and holidays.

## Swim Meet Schedule 2017

**\*Please remember the pool will close at 3:00 p.m. on the date of a home swim meet\***

June 6: Home vs. Woods Run

June 8: Away vs. Smokey Row

June 13: Home vs. K of C

June 15: Away vs. College Park

June 20: Home vs. Village Farms

June 22: Away vs. Woodland Springs

June 26: Home vs. North Willow

June 28,29: Invitational Away Village Farms



## Swim Team Registration

Registration for swim team is Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. Swim suit try on will take place. Practice starts May 27 at 9 am. Contact Laura Behrle at [wstmom@gmail.com](mailto:wstmom@gmail.com) or 317-709-2196 with questions.

## Activities

Amanda Tutino, Zeno Tutino, and Wanda Kenney

Happy Spring from Woodland's Activities!

This year started out super fun with a well-attended canvas painting and lots of our local kids buzzed from a sugar highs due to a Easter Egg Hunt. With the warmer weather and longer days full of sunlight we are looking forward to a bustling Garage Sale in June from Friday June 2nd – Sunday June 4th. We are coordinating the garage sale dates with the Woodland Springs Neighborhood to the north so as to maximize sales and publicity. I know that July seems far away, but this year's 4th of July celebration will not be just a bicycle parade, but a neighborhood picnic and pitch in for everyone to enjoy – including our local Carmel Fire Department! Our fire department is anticipating the chance to show up and put on some water-works for our viewing, and cooling, pleasure (bring your swim suits!). Finally, If you don't receive the occasional e-mails from Woodlands Activities which include updates and changes to local Woodlands' events be sure to contact [woodlandsmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsmembership@yahoo.com) and let them know you'd like to be added to our official e-mail list (Mail Chimp).

Your activities co-directors (Amanda and Wanda) are looking for your input – what kinds of events/activates would you like to see happening in your neighborhood? If you have feedback please write to [woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com)

## Grounds Report

*Jeff Kempson*

So, what is the deal with all of the rocks? I'm sure that you have been curious about all the rocks that are spread over the spillway coming from the lake. Well, curious or not, you are going to learn a bit about why the rocks are there.

If you go up to the lake, you will see a variety of rocks of different sizes and shapes strewn across the spillway. The proper term for this rock (usually granite or limestone) is "riprap," or "rip-rap." Riprap is rock that is used to armor shorelines, streambeds, bridge abutments, etc. against water erosion. Most of the riprap on the spillway of our "high risk dam" is made up of rocks weighing between ten and fifteen pounds (although we do have smaller and larger rocks). Periodically, it is necessary to replace some of the rock-armor on the dam because the alternating cold and warm weather we experience in Central Indiana causes the rock to break up, and a good portion of the smaller stuff is washed downstream. As reported in our recent dam inspection, the Woodlands is responsible for maintaining the dam, and one of the tasks we have been given is the replacement of the riprap. If you walk along the stream that flows through the clubhouse property from the dam you will notice that wire containers (boxes or baskets) filled with riprap line the banks at certain points. These rock-filled containers are called "gabions," and the intent is to armor (protect) the banks of the stream from water

erosion in the same way that the loose riprap protects the spillway.

As responsible members of the community, all of us need to do our part to maintain the riprap armor.

1. Please do not throw the larger riprap into the lake. Any riprap thrown into the water will need to be replaced, and the large rocks near the edge of the lake make it difficult for boaters and fishermen to launch their crafts.
2. Please do not build bridges from one side of the stream to the other using the riprap. This practice removes the riprap from where it is needed, and it also clogs the stream and prevents proper drainage.
3. If you want to walk up to the lake, make sure that you are wearing proper footwear (flip-flops can be dangerous). It would be easier to walk up the right side of the spillway instead of trying to negotiate the riprap.

It is hoped that this info has been helpful. Of course, if you have the urge, feel free to throw or skip some of the smaller rocks.

## Membership

*Linda Withrow*

All Woodlands homeowners (Class A & Class C) should receive their WHA 2017 Directory this month. We are canvassing the neighborhood May 6-13. If after May 13, you have not yet received your new directory, please email me or call me and I will get one to you:

[WoodlandsMembership@yahoo.com](mailto:WoodlandsMembership@yahoo.com) (317) 663-0552.

**Please be aware that your Directory should stay with your home, so if you move, please leave it for the new homeowners, so they can get to know their new neighbors! If you rent, please leave the directory for the next renters.**

Look for the new sections in this year's directory:

**1) Alphabetical list of homeowners AS WELL AS homeowners**

listed by Street Name, so you can see the names of your neighbors.

**2) Woodlands Neighbor-to-Neighbor Services** where you can support neighbors in our community by hiring within and keeping the money local. Woodlands Neighbor-to-Neighbor Services are ONLINE too! Check out our website: <http://woodlandshomeowners.org>

**3) If you do NOT get the Neighborhood emails** about all the awesome things that the Activity Directors are doing to make neighborhood functions more inclusive for all residents, then LOOK at the Woodlands Activities section of the Directory about how to sign up or email/call me.

### Little Free Libraries in the Woodlands

Two neighbors in the Woodlands have provided the community with a free gift! They have constructed and are maintaining Little Free Libraries in their front yards. Maybe you have seen them as you have been out walking. One is located at 10804 Braewick Dr. and the other is at 10807 Lakeview Dr. A Little Free Library is a wooden box containing books that anyone can take for free... and there isn't a return date or a late fee! If you like the book you can keep it! Book donations are appreciated to help maintain a diverse selection in the library. The Little Free Library idea was started in Wisconsin in 2009 and is wide spread across the U.S. and into other countries.

The Little Free Library on Lakeview was started about a year ago because neighbors were so welcoming to the couple when they moved in they wanted to give back to the neighborhood. Love of reading made them interested in the concept of the Little Free Library so they ordered a pre-made box. Their library sits on a table with chairs nearby so readers can sit and enjoy the books. They enjoy watching families on a walk stop by to read or people hop out of their car to drop off books. They keep the box stocked with a variety of topics and like to see what other people are reading when books are donated. If they provide a brand new title they ask that it be returned. Often kids will find surprises in the box in addition to a book!

Stephanie Sullivan on Braewick saw a Little Free Library and decided it would be a fun way to share her love of reading. Her husband Shawn likes to woodwork so he designed the box and built it. A bench is nearby for anyone to stop and read. Stephanie says about 10-15

families, primarily with younger children, use it regularly. They have enjoyed watching people read together on the bench. At Halloween the Sullivans sit on the bench to hand out books and candy. Like the Lakeview Library, surprises for kids can sometimes be found alongside the books! They have even been known to have dog biscuits in the box in case you need to treat your pet while perusing the collection.

Other Little Free Libraries can be found around town and along the Monon Trail. The Carmel Clay Public Library sponsored Little Free Libraries can be found at the following locations:

- Outside John Hensel Government Center; 10701 N. College Ave
- West Park; 2700 W. 16th St; just west of 116th St & Towne Rd
- Founders Park; 11675 Hazel Dell Parkway; intersection of 116th St. & Hazel Dell
- Inlow Park; 6310 E. Main St.
- Central Park East Woods; 1235 Central Park Drive East
- Clay Terrace Shopping Center (near Corner Bakery and Starbucks) approx 14550 Clay Terrace Blvd. #100
- SoHo Café; 620 S Rangeline; Monon Square shopping center along the Monon Trail

The Woodlands is fortunate to have two right here at home. Both libraries are always taking donations. Thank you for sharing your love of books!

A map of registered Little Free Libraries and instructions for starting one can be found at <https://littlefreelibrary.org>.

## Woodlands Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2017

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Andy Nist welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

### 2016 Board Highlights:

**Pool:** Ross Sexter said the last year was successful. He announced our previous head guard Maddie Cottrell is moving on and the new head guard is Jessica Deady. Forty percent of the guards are returning. Will have adult volleyball on Sundays again as well as movie night. Projects this summer include resurfacing the diving board and repairs to baby pool. Will continue to study turning baby pool into splash pad.

**Grounds:** Jeff Kempson received results from dam inspection

from engineer and will be following up on recommendations this summer which include removal of saplings on dam and placing riprap fallen into the creek back on bank. Improvements to boat storage area include sinking posts to secure boats and possibly moving boats to other side of dam. Additional projects if volunteer effort is available such as making a path to lead up to dam and boat area on lake. Andy thanked Jeff for his efforts on dam and communications with DNR and an independent contractor for inspection on the high hazard dam.

**Clubhouse:** Andy Nist provided report for Pat Luzzadar  
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who moved to S.C. Maintenance included repairing support post in basement and run-off area near garage. Thanked Pat for his hands-on work.

**Activities:** Amanda Tutino reported that new activities were supported this year as well as the usual events. The date for the garage sale will be on June 2 this year.

**Tennis:** Melina Nash announced that the courts were finally resurfaced. Same fantastic instructors coming back for June and July lessons as well as fall lessons. Pickle ball lines are now on the courts. Nets are up.

**Membership:** Linda Withrow is working to connect neighbors. Using mail chimp service to deliver news and announcements to neighbors who sign up. Always a way to unsubscribe at bottom of each email. Invited all class C members to join and 9 new members have joined. Membership papers completed by homeowners provided names for new board directors. Hoping to connect neighbors and services. "Neighbor to Neighbor Services" Directory coming out next month and will include lists by alphabetized names and street numbers. Accepting advertisements for directory. New lock box outside clubhouse for dues. Attended the roundabout meeting at Clay Middle School. An app has been created to help motorists find a way around town during construction. Construction starting this spring. Provided handouts from the meeting.

**Budget:** Books will be examined by third party. Finances in good shape. Finished \$30,000 better. Didn't get around to doing some of the projects that had been discussed. Not all projects on list are in budget. If tracking well on budget will try to chip away at project list. Taxable income reduced due to interest on loan. Expecting no additional outlay on fed and state taxes due to loan. The CPA researched that we pay taxes because we don't qualify as a not for profit. Question: What is goal of rainy day fund and where are we? Answer: Loan with balance of about \$70,000. Did not pay off loan to allow for reserve. Want to maintain \$100-\$150,000 in reserve to be able to do projects and still maintain payroll in summer. Have had to spend \$45,000 one year on pool and \$30,000 for dam another year. Don't want to be in situation to take out another loan. Question: How are we doing collecting fees? Answer: Online payments increasing. \$40,000 in outstanding dues. \$10,000 is from repeat offenders that have never paid us. Will be sending out email reminder.

**Administration:** Secured an agreement with CPA for an

evaluation of our books. Bridge on Lakeshore Drive South completed. Forest Dale stormwater project on Lakeview Drive has been reseeded.

### Board Candidates

Nominating Committee was small. Had volunteers for each position this year based on membership forms.

President: Tim McCullough 28 years in neighborhood.

Vice President: Jim Copsy 4 years in neighborhood.

Treasurer: Dave Fellabaum 12 years in neighborhood. Getting all information in Quick Books.

Grounds Director: Jeff Kempson 20 years. Live close to clubhouse. Looking forward to following through on plans made in first term.

Clubhouse Directory: Mike Pipke Lived here since 1994.

Co-Activities: Wanda Kenney. 17 years

Asked for motion to close nominations. Steve Matthews motioned. Motion was seconded. No nominations from floor. All in favor.

Asked for a motion to accept treasurer's report as stated. Steve Matthews motioned. Linda Withrow seconded. All in favor.

Andy announced John Woods passed away this past week and recognized his work in Carmel and the neighborhood. If there is interest to fill John's role for the north side please talk with Tim.

Jennifer McNair is Crime Watch warden on south side. Mr. McNair reported that there is no update.

### Questions or Comments from Floor

No time frame has been identified for the culvert reconstruction on Lakeshore south of 106<sup>th</sup>. Have not formally informed the WHA like they have with other projects. Q: If there are future problems with the dam, does state or county help with cost? A: No, Jeff found funds are available for rural areas but ours is a private property.

Andy thanked everyone for coming. Thanked the Sweets for all their work and helping all run smoothly.

Andy drew name for dues waiver: Dan and Katie Overbeck.

Meeting adjourned 8:21.



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## Upcoming Woodlands Events

May 4	Swim Team Sign Up
May 6	Pool Uncovering   Dam & Grounds Clean Up
May 8	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
May 27	Pool Opens
June 2-4	Neighborhood Garage Sale
June 5	Swim & Tennis Lessons Begin
June 12	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
July 1	Woodlands 4th of July Bike Parade
July 10	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
August 14	Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
September 9	End of Summer Bash
September 11	Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
October 28	Halloween Party