

# The Woodlands Acorn



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## A Message from your President

Jim Copsey



Once again it seems like summer passed in a flash, as we move into the fall and all it has to offer. We had a successful pool season and were able to help some of our neighbors from Woodland Springs, by opening up

our pool to them. We had some great community events with the 4th of July Bike Parade and our first Mini Triathlon, as we look forward to the Chili Cook-off and Street Festival. It is wonderful to see the Woodland community enjoy all that this neighborhood has to offer.

We have updated the website ([woodlandhomeowners.org](http://woodlandhomeowners.org)) so that it has a responsive theme that will fit on your computer monitor, phones, or tablets. We have integrated the website with our Facebook and Twitter pages so that we can get info to you as quickly as possible. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the website, please let us know as we are striving to make it current, relevant and easy to use.

The last few months I have created a committee to look into updating our Covenants and Restrictions, along with our By-laws. We will be striving to complete this process before our annual meeting in March. Our board felt like it is time to look at our legal documents and update them where needed. We are striving to keep this one of the best neighborhoods in Carmel. Once again, we value your input, so if you have something that you would like the committee to consider, please send me an email or give me a call. We will be publishing the proposed changes on our website prior to the annual meeting for you to peruse.

These last two years on the Homeowner's Board has really given me an appreciation at how hard our board members work to keep our neighborhood and its facilities some of the best in Carmel. I would like to extend my thanks to them for all of their efforts and help in this year of my presidency.

May you all have a wonderful winter!

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### *What Is Going On In The Woodlands?*

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## ACTIVITIES

*Amanda Tutino and Wanda Kenney*



Just want to drop a little note to thank everyone for their participation with the Labor Day & Inaugural Triathlon Event! What an amazing turnout! We did not anticipate such tremendous interest and we'll definitely put this event back on the books for next year so be sure to get your swim/bike/run practice in! Next year, we're going to get the grill fired up a bit earlier too ;) We couldn't have made it work without the help of our amazing volunteers! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to our Social Committee volunteers as well as spontaneous neighbor volunteers! Looking forward to seeing you all at the Chili Cookoff ☺

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

#### Street Fest & Chili CookOff!!! – October 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm @ the Clubhouse Circle

Back this year by popular demand! Come join us on the Clubhouse Circle for an evening of Live Music, Pony Rides, Face Painting, Friendly Competition Games/Challenges, Raffle Prizes and, of course, Delicious Chili!!!

Chili CookOff Rules – chili submissions must come from Woodlands residents (so if your friend made it but is happy to let you take the credit so be it ;). Every chili entry gets an extra raffle ticket entry. The winning chili entry receives a trophy and their picture in the Acorn!



#### Autumn/Halloween Activity – Sunday, Oct 28th @ the Clubhouse

Join us for an evening of fun and creativity. We'll be doing Autumn/Halloween themed crafts and there will be hot cider and pumpkin cookies.

#### Cookie Exchange! – Saturday, November 10th 4pm @ the Clubhouse



Getting ready for the holidays but don't have time to bake all your favorite cookies? The neighborhood has got you covered! Choose your favorite cookie recipe and bake as many cookies as you please. Bring your cookies and recipe to the clubhouse to share with the neighbors. You'll swap as many of your cookies as you please for an equal amount of your neighbors' cookies. And yes, I'm sure there will be spares for tasting ;)

#### Christmas Eve Luminaries – December 24th, Christmas Eve after sunset around the neighborhood

Join the Neighborhood Tradition of Lighting the Night on Christmas Eve by placing a luminary (or luminaries) in your front yard and lighting them at dusk. All you need is an empty milk jug, a candle/led light and a little sand or cat litter (clean of course!) to weigh the jug down. The resulting glow over the neighborhood spreads warmth and cheer dispelling Winter's cold.

Are you interested in helping our neighborhood with activities or do you have ideas for activities you'd like to see in the neighborhood? We'd love to have your feedback. You can connect with us in two ways:

- **Social Committee** – were a group of volunteer neighbors dedicated to bringing life and fun to the neighborhood. We meet the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the clubhouse. Come join us!
- You can reach the Activities Co-Directors Board Members by emailing: [woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com)

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

### Mark your Calendars to Remember These Recurring Activities

#### Woodlands BookClub – Second Sunday of the month at 7:30pm

We meet the second Sunday of the month at 7pm alternating the location at the clubhouse or in neighbors' homes. We read a wide variety of books so there's sure to be one that catches your eye. Join us each month or just join us when you can! Following are the upcoming bookclub dates and books:

- **October 14<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30pm @ the clubhouse: *Flat Broke with Two Goats: A Memoir of Appalachia* by Jennifer McGaha
- **November 11<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30pm *An Abundance of Katherines* by John Green
- **December 9<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30pm *Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness* by Susannah Cahalan
- **January 13<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30pm *Our House* by Louise Candlish

#### Euchre Night is Back! – Third Friday of the month at 7pm sharp! @ the Clubhouse

RSVP to [woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com). Come join your neighbors for a social game of Euchre. BYOB, a \$5 donation and a snack to share. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners PLUS of course someone will go home with the Flamingos!

Euchre Nights 2018:

- Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Yoga Mondays – 6:45pm @ the Clubhouse

Bring your yoga mat, water bottle, and \$5.



## VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE

Ross Sextor

As we head into the fall season let's all take a moment and think about how great our neighborhood is. Fall is a great time of year to reflect and look back at what's been happening. It's also a great time to get your house and yard ready for what mother nature may bring.

As a good neighbor think about the trees and leaves that are blocking your sidewalks. We have a very active neighborhood and many people are using these sidewalks. The children use them to stay out of harm's

way in the streets. When they are blocked it causes unsafe scenarios. Also, when and if the snow and ice come let's be cognizant of cleaning and deicing the area in front of your house. If you're unable



our directory offers many options of people that are willing to assist in these tasks.

I have spent many hours recently walking through the Woodlands and adjoining neighborhoods and have realized what a gem we have. Hopefully everyone doesn't take this for granted.

We should all be involved to make our neighborhood the best it can be. Why not volunteer for a spot on our board as a way to pay back? We are currently seeking nominations for the 2019 board of directors and other board positions. If you have an hour or two a month and want to give back to your community, please let me know. I am seeking those individuals currently interested. You can email me at [woodlandsvicepres@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsvicepres@yahoo.com) or feel free to call me at 317-539-1392.

## CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

Hi Neighbors! Mike Pipke here with an update on clubhouse projects completed since my last report in the Summer 2018 Acorn.

### Completed

- Electrical meter base moved to north side of building and new power line drop installed per IPL Engineering; electrical work performed by Ashbaugh Electric, Inc.
- Crawl space is encapsulated and clean up completed.
- Basement and garage are de-cluttered, cleaned, and organized.
- Repaired 3 large picnic tables with treated wood (work performed by me and Scott Sweet, Clubhouse Manager).
- Clubhouse shingles replaced.
- Fireplace chimney rebuilt and damaged flue tile/liner repaired.
- New keyless entry on clubhouse front door procured and installed by Ross Sexter, Vice President (installation performed by Ross at no cost to HOA).
- Double-metal doors installed in basement/garage; this improvement allows for easier access and storage of pool furniture, equipment; etc.



One last goal remains that I set for myself when I joined the board a year and a half ago. My remaining goal is to replace ancient windows in the upstairs at a cost of \$6,000. My mission is to have our clubhouse reflect the nice properties in our neighborhood.

## POOL UPDATE

*Andy Nist*



Hello friends. Well it's hard - and somewhat sad - to believe we have closed-out another summer at the pool. And what a finish to the season it was! We partnered on the heels of the annual Labor Day Picnic to host an inaugural triathlon where nearly forty friends and neighbors came out to participate. A big thanks to those of you that volunteered to help as without it we could not have pulled this off.....at least safe and organized! I also want to thank the volunteers who stayed after the picnic to

help close the pool as this is a big undertaking and requires a lot of helping hands. As we look to next year there are a handful of projects and investments being considered such as new deck tables and lounges, robotic vacuum and a new or rebuilt heater. As well, it is imperative that we have Life Guards to staff the pool so for anyone interested in becoming a Life Guard please let me know by emailing [woodlandspool@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandspool@yahoo.com). Have a great fall and hope to see you at our great fall and winter

*Thank  
you*

to our Clubhouse Managers, Scott and Ann Sweet, for helping make our summer pool and clubhouse rental season run smoothly! From guiding our life guards and keeping an eye on the pool during off-hours, to ensuring renters are enjoying the clubhouse responsibly, to stocking bathrooms, and doing the night check we all do on our own homes - there are so many tasks the Woodlands neighbors do not get to see that you do. Thank you, Sweets, for all you do to make the Woodlands clubhouse and pool feel like

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Linda Withrow

WELCOME to all 2018 new Woodlands Homeowners! If you live on one of the streets below and haven't met your new (and new-ish) neighbors, stop by and introduce yourself! You might be able to answer any questions they may have about our neighborhood!



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10262 Briar Creek Lane - Darin and Erica Troyer (Apr.)  
 10324 Briar Creek Place - Marcia Cossell (Oct.)  
 10366 Briar Creek Place - Rod and Christy Bakker (Aug.)  
 121 Brunswick Court - John and Scotia McClung (Mar.)  
 10718 Braewick Drive - Ritchie and Christie Mora (Apr.)  
 10719 Braewick Drive - KueKu Johnson (Mar.)  
 10918 Braewick Drive - William and Lyndsay Quist (Aug.)  
 10919 Braewick Drive - Stacey Seybold Hiller (Mar.)  
 10763 Downing Street - Kristopher Carter and Ashley Howe (Sept.)  
 10768 Downing Street - Chunyang Liu and Xuerong Huang (Sept.)  
 10797 Downing Street - Madeline R. DeVore and Brian Peterson (May)  
 3429 East 106th Street - Vu Tran (Sept.)  
 3610 East 106th Street - Esther Jacquez (May)  
 10465 Lakeshore Drive East - Joel and Christy Larson (Jul.)  
 10615 Lakeshore Drive East - Andrew Harris and Greer Trapkus Harris (Jul.)  
 10064 Partridge Place - Shane T. and Amy E. Schmidt (Jan.)  
 3605 Stratford Place - Anthony Kane (Jan.)  
 3688 Stratford Place - Kevin and Kari Miller (Aug.)  
*parentheses = approx. purchase date*



**If you are renting a home in the Woodlands, you should also have heard from me.** If you haven't, please call or email me. I need your information as well as the homeowners. Per Woodlands by-laws, either the renter **or** the homeowner has access to WHA common properties, so let's talk!

**To all WHA Homeowners:** If you do not have the latest, 2017 light blue WHA Directory, please call or email me and I will get one to you.

Linda Withrow  
 Membership Director  
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 317-663-0552

**All new homeowners** should receive a Welcome Packet from the Board which includes: WHA brochure, invitation to receive WHA email news, latest WHA Directory, latest WHA Membership Form (to return to me), as well as a Letter From WHA President, Jim Copsey. -- **If you have not received a Welcome Packet, please call or email me.**



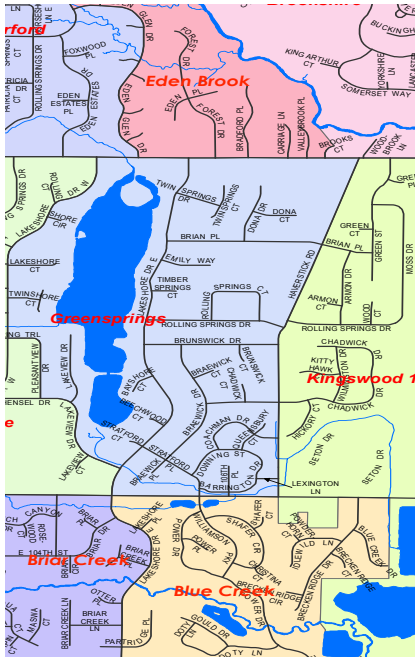


# TENNIS UPDATE

Melinda Nash



Thank you again for a great tennis season. Nets will be coming down soon. Hope you have a nice Fall!



## ELECTION DAY

Head to the polls November 6 for Election Day! Not sure of your polling location? You can find your location at <https://indianavoters.in.gov>.

This year the Woodlands Clubhouse will host the Blue Creek and Briar Creek precincts. Please be patient with the extra traffic in and around our neighborhood that day!

There will be a polling site at the Chinese Church at 3405 E. 116<sup>th</sup> St. for the Greensprings and Kingswood I precincts. The Eden Brook precinct will vote at First Baptist Church at 1010 E. 126<sup>th</sup> St.

"A Great Place to Gather"

## UPCOMING WOODLANDS EVENTS



### OCTOBER

- 6 Street Fest and Chili Cook Off 5-8 p.m.
- 8 Social Comm 6:30/Board Mtg 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Book Club 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Euchre 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Autumn Activity TBA

### NOVEMBER



- 10 Cookie Exchange 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Book Club 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Social Comm 6:30/Board Mtg 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Euchre 7 p.m.



### DECEMBER

- 9 Book Club 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Social Comm 6:30/Board Mtg 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Euchre 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Luminaries



- Jan 8 Social Comm 6:30/Board Mtg 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 13 Book Club 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 11 Social Comm 6:30/Board Mtg 7:30 p.m.



Remember Yoga is on Mondays at 6:45!