

The Woodlands Acorn



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Ross Sexter



Welcome to Spring in the Woodlands!!

This is one of my favorite times of the year. The birds are busy, the grass is green, and the children are all out

playing. Our neighborhood is a great place to live and raise our families. It's great to see Carmel recognized as one of the safest and best places in the country too.

As more people are outside take some time and get to know your neighbors. A community such as ours is only as good as the people and how we treat each other. When things aren't to your liking have you tried to communicate? How many of your neighbors do you actually know other than to just wave and smile.

Your board of directors are all volunteers that want our neighborhood to be the best it can be. We do our best to listen and take care of our Woodlands. Many times, people will ask why doesn't this happen or why isn't it like this? All good questions and I encourage you all to get involved in your own little piece of the neighborhood or the community as a whole. We would welcome your help and input.

Over the past years our committees have grown, and we are seeing great things transpire from this. The social committee is a great example of the power of many vs the power of a few. This past Easter weekend we had a great turnout for our annual Easter egg hunt. The children and parents both endured the uncooperative weather and had a fantastic time.

We have a great clubhouse and pool that you all should take advantage of. Walk around our common areas. Stroll up to and around the lake. Enjoy this time of year and ponder on how great this neighborhood is.

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Save the date! It is almost time to get the pool ready for the summer! On **May 4 the pool cover will be removed at 9AM** and many hands are needed! **Your help would make a big difference and be greatly appreciated!**



TENNIS NEWS

Melinda Nash

Tennis is upon us..... We are offering Tennis Lessons again this summer with the same instructors. Our instructors are Franny Werner and Sara Cooler.

- **Franny Werner** has been an active tennis player since 2010, a senior at Carmel High School. She has been on the Carmel High School Team Tennis Team since freshman year winning her a Varsity Letter in 2017 and her team winning the State Champion in 2017 & 2018. She is a member of the Elite High School Clinic at Indianapolis Racquet Club (2016 - current), participates in numerous USTA sanctioned tournaments (2012 – present and trains regularly with high level players in balance, agility and footwork fitness program (2017-current). She has also coached the Special Olympics Tennis Team (2016-2017).
- **Sara Cooler** has played tennis since she was 10 years old. She is also a Senior at Carmel High School and has been a member of the Carmel Girls High School Tennis Team since freshman year winning a State Champion in 2017 & 2018. She plays in the Elite High School Clinic's at the Indianapolis Racquet Club East and participates in numerous USTA sanctioned tournaments. She also coached the Special Olympics Tennis Team (2016-2017).

Tennis Lessons will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The first tennis session will begin on Monday, June 3rd – Friday, June 21st. The lessons will have a two-week hiatus due to the people on the swim team. The 2nd session

will begin on Monday, July 8th – Friday, July 26th. The first session registrations are due on Saturday, June 1st. And Saturday, July 6th for the 2nd 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 and more will be available at the tennis court bulletin board. The lifeguards will have registration forms but will not accept payments. The payments can now be turned into the clubhouse mailbox next to the entrance of the clubhouse. Please include your payment. I can also be reached at melindanash@earthlink.net or 317/294-1376 for further questions. Again, this is the best deal in Carmel. I look forward to seeing you on the courts.

If you are interested in Adult Lessons, please contact me. I will also ask the instructors if they are interested in teaching adult lessons. I will look into getting instructors for adults if we have enough interest.

Since we have newly 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.

Don't forget you can play Pickleball on the courts.

Stay tuned for lessons in the Fall...Friday's after school!

TENNIS LESSON ENROLLMENT FORM

(Still the best deal in Carmel!)

We are pleased to announce that Franny Werner and Sara Cooler will head up our tennis program. Rain dates will be scheduled as needed/available. No classes held the first week of July. 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 3 - June 21 M, W, F

Session 2: July 8 - July 26 M, W, F

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

COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM with PAYMENT.

STUDENT LESSONS:

NAME & AGES (S): _____

PARENT NAME (S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

SESSION 1 (June 3-June 21) _____ SESSION 2 (July 8-July 26) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (Required): _____

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

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 317/294-1376

Email melindanash@earthlink.net

REGISTER BY Saturday, June 1st.

(payment secures spot)

SWIM LESSONS

Lessons will be held Monday-Friday for a ONE-week period. You may sign up for multiple sessions. Cost per session is \$20 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 25 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. Please see the HEAD GUARD (Kara 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 3-7

Session II: June 10-14

Session III: June 17-21

Session IV: June 24-28

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

String Rays, Marlins and Sharks:

10:00-10:40

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

Andy Nist

Pool opens Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Pool Hours (during lessons 6/3-6/28)	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.

Please remember the pool closes at 3:00 p.m. on the date of a home swim meet.

- ❖ Guest fees are \$2 per guest on weekdays, weekends, and holidays.
- ❖ Please join us May 4 at 9:00 am to help remove the pool cover and ready the deck for the season!

Swim Team Registration

Registration for swim team is Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. Practice starts Friday, May 31. Contact Laura Behrle at wstmom@gmail.com or 317-709-2196 with questions.



Swim Meet Schedule 2019

June 4: Home vs. Woods Run

June 6: Away @ Smokey Row

June 11: Home vs. K of C

June 13: Away @ College Park

June 18: Home vs. Village Farms

June 20: Away @ Woodland Springs

June 24: Home vs. North Willow

June 26,27: Invitational Away



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We are making some major improvements to our pool by upgrading and replacing the heater for your enjoyment. Other things continue to happen too.

I'd love to hear from everyone what you want out of your association and how we can help you make the most out of our beautiful neighborhood. Have a great spring and I look forward to seeing you all around the

SHARE YOUR BUSINESS WITH NEIGHBORS

We are printing a new directory this year. We have always printed services that neighbors have to offer in our directory: babysitters, music teachers, lawn care, home repair, etc. You can see examples here: <https://woodlandshomeowners.org/woodlands-neighbor-to-neighbor-services/> While it is **FREE** to list your name and phone number, you can pay a small amount to place an ad with your logo and other information. If you pay for a print ad, you will also have a spot online on our website. Or you can pay for online presence only. Please see pricing below.

If you are interested in being a Directory Sponsor check out the pricing below. All Directory Sponsor ads include a link on our WHA website!

Print Costs for 2019 Directory:

Outside Back Cover (full page) \$200

Inside Front Cover (full page) \$150

Inside Back Cover (full page) \$100

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Services Section (full page) \$75

Neighbor –to-Neighbor Services Section (1/2 page) \$30



Web Only Costs:

With logo \$30

Without logo \$15

<https://woodlandshomeowners.org/woodlands-neighbor-to-neighbor-services/>

These costs are extremely reasonable if you consider we only print a directory once every 2-3 years. Have a business, but no URL? It will only cost you \$30 to get a spot on our website!

If you are interested in listing your name and phone number or advertising in this year's directory call or email Tim McCullough before the **DEADLINE JUNE 1**.



ELECTION DAY
MAY 7, 2019

Head to the polls May 7 for Election Day! Not sure of your polling location? You can find your location and other current election information at <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/222/Current-Election-Information>.

This May 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. 116th St. for the Greensprings and Kingswood I precincts. The Eden Brook precinct will vote at First Baptist Church at 1010 E. 126th St.



WOODLANDS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2019

Welcome and Call to Order

Jim Copsey, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership. He explained each director will give a report.

Pool – Andy Nist

Highlights of 2018 include updated guard expectations, replaced several chaise lounges as scheduled, assimilated Woodlands Springs members at our pool this year due to their construction, baby pool was open more than in the past, updated pool rules, and added double doors between pump room and basement for easier access to storage. In addition an extensive mechanical evaluation of baby pool was conducted. One of the main challenges contributing to most of its closures was balancing chlorine. Projects in 2019 include replacing deck tables, replacing baby pool pump, replacing heater, continue replacing chaise lounges. Noted there has been a decline in guard applications. Planning to compare WHA pay schedule to area pools to retain guards from the neighborhood.

Tennis – Melinda Nash

Last summer tennis lessons went well. Looking for instructors for this summer. Nets should go up in April. Have had the new surface for almost three years. Pickle ball lines are now on the court. New furniture will be purchased for the courts this year.

Grounds – Tim McCullough

Had a successful year keeping grounds in shape. Overseeded in the fall so new grass will come up in spring. Additional funds needed for lake last summer. Currently treat for algae, however, due to weather two special treatments were needed for milfoil. Cleanup had to be done around trees because of high winds. Still wanting to do a walkway to lake around the pool. Dam inspection needs to be done this year. Based on the inspection report, WHA will need to determine response and cost. Hope to see new bridge across creek that would allow handicap accessibility but might not fit into budget. General maintenance of grounds will continue.

Clubhouse – Mike Pipke

Mechanically the building is sound for the next 25-40 years. Maintenance agreements will help keep it in good repair. If elected for next two years would like to remodel the men's restroom and then update inside of clubhouse.

Activities – Amanda Tutino

Noted there has been a growth in variety of activities as well as attendance. Credited the social committee that meets monthly to review activities and plan based on feedback from members. Next activity on April 29 for Easter. Liz Harris will not be able to

continue the second year of her term. Heather Hewitt volunteered to finish Liz's term.

Membership – Linda Withrow

Since making email blasts available to homeowners for notification of activities or important information, distribution list includes 580 email addresses. Currently have 40 Class C members and will send invitations to eligible Class C members. Have been sending welcome packet to new neighbors when they move in. A directory will be updated and provided this year at the clubhouse at the opening of the pool, closing of the pool, and chili cookoff.

Treasurer – Dave Fellabaum

Currently 69 of the 420 Class A members still owe dues for the current year. Based on prior years' collections this is a very low number. Four homeowners owe for past years. Budget for 2018 was presented showing fiscal year ending in the black. A couple oddities were noted: 1) swim team hosted invitational which inflated actual income, and 2) the clubhouse incurred unanticipated expenses for chimney after roof work started. Developing budget for next year starts with looking at fixed costs – electricity, gas, chlorine, etc for past years. Then continue with income generated based on fees. Using data from directors' expenses in years past, try to estimate upcoming expenses. Directors provide a list of special projects to use money left in income. Not all projects can be funded. Project list becomes wish list. Directors try to prioritize. Heater is important, big draw in community. Dam needs to be inspected this year and maintenance has to be completed in spring. Loan is being paid on scheduled payments. Interest rate has been creeping higher but still inexpensive loan. If do nothing but make payments, it matures in August 2020. A list of past projects since 2013 was provided.

President – Jim Copsey

During the past year the website was updated as well as Facebook and Twitter. Goal is to get information to membership about upcoming events or special alerts such as pool closings.

Questions from Membership

Q: Can a community board be placed on fence at tennis courts? A: Will try to have one posted.

Q: Could riprap replacement be a community project for swim team? A: Easier and safer to use equipment.

Q: Does bridge need to be replaced? Would a new bridge impede camping at swim invitationals? A: A bridge will be needed sometime soon. Design can be worked not to

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extend so long.

Q: Is there notification to homeowners if lake is treated? A: Can try to email homeowners about treatment.

Q: Is it feasible to get secure kayak storage at the lake? A: Anything vertical will wash away or blow away. Posts to secure boats would compromise integrity of embankment.

Q: Was the men's bathroom remodel budgeted for last year at higher amount than this year? A: Was not budgeted last year.

Q: Will Woodland Springs members be back at our pool? A: No. It was for one year.

Q: Is there information about flood insurance? Is it a good idea to get it? A: Not in a flood zone.

Q: Is there a baby changing station in the bathroom? A: Yes.

Q: Can adult tennis lessons be given on a weekend morning?

A: Will ask instructors if they would provide the lessons this year.

Q: Has there ever been a gate or fence around baby pool? A: Homeowner provided insight to pool deck area and her experience being okay without a fence.

Q: Homeowner supported idea to make our guard jobs as competitive as possible.

Q: Are boats still secure at lake? A: Yes.

Q: Are tennis courts bubbling? A: Contractor looked at it and said it is normal to bubble in the winter. Did not go with \$45,000 resurface option so base is not as stable. Cracks can come back. Will revisit with contractor in April and see how the cracks reappear this year. Should still be under warranty.

Q: Last year dam work, \$10,000 but this year \$5,500? Do we need new quotes? A: Will need new quotes. Couldn't get a good quote this past year. \$5500 is not for riprap or project, it's for inspection.

Q: Last year there was a safety and compliance issue with dam is it completed or underway? A: Waiting for inspection this year to determine what actually needs to be done.

Q: Street lights don't work, who do we call? A: Homeowners must call IPL or Duke.

Q: Will pool close early this year during the week after school starts like last year or can it stay open? A: Attendance on weekdays goes down when school starts. Three years ago opened pool in morning for people to swim if over 18. Might be able to do that type of thing in afternoon.

Q: What are guest fees? A: \$1 for guests during week, and \$2 on weekends.

Q: Why do we spend money on dam when only a few properties on the water benefit from lake? A: Value to all properties.

Q: What can we do to change assessment to just lake property owners? A: It's owned by entire WHA.

Q: Did we have a \$2000 surplus this year? Is there a savings account also? A: The \$2541.62 is a budget surplus. Cash on hand \$239,656.07 currently. Of that amount about \$159,000 is dues received this year. Currently have a balance of about

\$80,000.

Q: Have talked about delinquent homeowners. What is being done? A: Have engaged an attorney to pursue the funds.

Q: In the future there should be a set time to pay your dues, if you don't then at that time you should receive papers. A: That is what we are doing.

A motion was made to approve the budget for 2019-2020 by Andy William. Motion was seconded by Jim McNair. All in favor.

Candidates – Ross Sexter

Ross introduced slate of candidates for voting by the membership. A motion was made by Sean Geis to approve the slate. The motion was seconded by Jim McNair. A question was raised about two members sitting on board from same household consequently having two votes from one household. Another member said she researched By Laws, Covenants and Restrictions and found that one vote per household is for general membership but directors are allowed one vote each. Dave quoted from By Laws revised in 2005 that each Class A membership is entitled to one vote per household. (Article 3 Section 2 Membership.) There is nothing that allows or restricts two members from one household from holding two positions on the board. Dave commented that we don't have to approve two members of the same house on the board. Jim stated that we need to approve or not approve this slate. If the slate is not approved then we need someone else to serve on the board. A member volunteered to serve on the board if that becomes the situation. The question was raised, are we setting precedent for the board? Jim asked for a show of hands to approve the slate as presented. Hands raised: 37. Jim asked for a show of hands in opposition of slate as presented. Hands raised: 14. Slate was approved. *

Neighborhood Crime Watch – no report

Drawing for Dues – Heather Hewitt

Meeting Adjourned 8:53 pm

*Following the meeting the ballots that were originally prepared for the board candidate election but not used were sent to homeowners who attended the meeting with the question, "do you feel 2 members from the same household/lot should be permitted to serve on the board in different voting positions?" The purpose was to ensure homeowners could share their opinion anonymously if there was awkwardness showing hands on this matter. The ballot vote could not change the election outcome but perhaps provide guidance to future boards on this issue. Fifty-four homeowners attended, 31 ballots were returned before the March 18 deadline. Of the 31 ballots, 16 voted yes, 15 voted no. Six ballots were returned after the deadline.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

If a street light is out near your home, determine if the lamp is serviced by IPL or Duke Energy. Obtain the serial number from the post then contact the appropriate company.

IPL: https://www.iplpower.com/Outages/Reporting_Streetlight_or_Security_Light_Problems/
 Duke Energy: <https://www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair>



WOODLANDS EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE



MAY 2	SWIM TEAM SIGN UP 7:00 PM
MAY 7	ELECTION DAY
MAY 4	UNCOVER POOL 9:00 AM
MAY 13	BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM
MAY 26	POOL OPENS 10:00 AM
JUNE 4	HOME SWIM MEET
JUNE 6-8	GARAGE SALE
JUNE 10	BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM
JUNE 11	HOME SWIM MEET
JUNE 18	HOME SWIM MEET
JUNE 24	HOME SWIM MEET
JULY	JULY 4 BIKE PARADE TBD
JULY 8	BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM
AUGUST 12	BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER	LABOR DAY/ TRIATHLON
SEPTEMBER	POOL CLOSING TBD
SEPTEMBER 9	BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM
OCTOBER	CHILI FEST TBD
OCTOBER 14	BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM



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