

# The Woodlands Acorn



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## Message From the President

Judith Rouhselang

### *Falling into Autumn – Fall Breeze and Autumn Leaves*

I know, I know, watching Summer quickly disappear is difficult – but it's also a little bittersweet because though long, sunny days of eating ice cream and going for dips in the pool are pure bliss, I'm pretty sure that Fall is the best season! Aside from the fact that you don't have to be sweating everyday (sorry, Summer, but it's all too true), Fall has a lot of special things in store. From the clothing choices to the fruits that come into season, everything changes during Autumn and there is a lot to enjoy, including:

1. The foliage is magical
2. Thanksgiving happens
3. Cozy sweaters
4. The crunch of leaves underfoot
5. Pumpkin-flavored everything
6. Curling up by a cozy fire

So take advantage of Autumn before it's long gone because before you know it, snow will be falling and the winter will be taking over. When something comes once a year, and it's crunched between Summer and Winter, you know it's something special!



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## Message, Continued

The WHOA Board has had a more than busy year given the unexpected challenges brought about by COVID-19. We have all had to navigate new territory this year and call upon our collective creative energies. Amidst this, the Board has safely kept the pool open, the tennis courts, and the Clubhouse. Thanks to our WHOA Board for the hard work and effort to make this happen safely.

I appreciate that we have a very active, dedicated, passionate, and engaged Board of Directors who have worked closely as a team.

Please take the time to read the individual Officer/Director updates in this Acorn. Best wishes to you and your families for the upcoming holiday season!

## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to Dave Fellabaum for replacing the safety lights in the Clubhouse entryway beneath the steps.

**THANK YOU** to Sarah Best (Sarah Best Photography) for the updated photographs of the Clubhouse, Grounds, Swimming Pool, and Tennis Courts.

**THANK YOU** to the members who participated as blood donors in the August 27<sup>th</sup> WHOA Community Blood Drive.



## Board Meetings

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the second Monday of every month at 7:30. Due to COVID-19, the Board meetings have been virtual. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, please contact Judy Rouhselang at [woodlandspresident@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandspresident@yahoo.com)

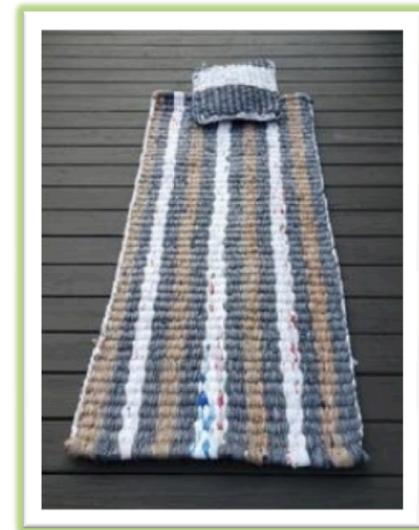
## Activities

Audrey Strong and Alisha Pankiw

First of all, thank you to everyone who participated in our first Woodlands Blood Drive. Over 30 individuals donated, making it the largest neighborhood blood drive in the state! You should have received your “pint for a pint” prize in the mail. We plan to make this recurring for years to come. There is a critical blood supply shortage, so if you weren’t able to donate please consider donating at another drive.

We are going to have a coat and plastic bag drive! Collect those clean, gently used or new coats, mittens, gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots. Any gender/size accepted, but the largest need right now is for coats – boy’s sizes 7-12 and adult men’s S/M/L for the teenage boys. Also, start saving your plastic bags to help support those less fortunate. We are going to host a plastic bag drive to donate to Michele’s Mission of Love where the bags will be woven into sleeping mats for those experiencing homelessness. Watch your email for drop off info.

Please reach out to us at [woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsactivities@yahoo.com) with any questions. Be kind.



## Pool News

Andy Nist



Hello Friends!

Unique is one word to describe this pool and swim team season. Thank you for your participation this summer; I appreciate the respect shown for our procedures during COVID. A shout-out to our Guard Team for their willingness to work under a new normal and our WHA board for their support -we wouldn't have a community pool without them! To our families with 15 and 16 year olds, I invite you to start thinking about getting guard-certified and joining our team in the future. Until then, from our team to your family, have a great Fall!!!

# Grounds Report

Mike Pipke

Hello Friends and Neighbors! Grounds Director is a new position for me this year as my responsibility was shifted from Clubhouse Director to Grounds Director. I have several updates to share since I assumed this position and I will highlight with you below:

- Quite a bit of tree work has been completed on the grounds to eliminate dead and dying trees, brush, and invasive vegetation. A good deal of this work was completed to comply with the recommendations from the 2019 dam inspection report. There is a lot more visibility around the pool, dam, and lake.
- Repairs have been completed to the dam spillway and spillway exit channel to comply with the recommendations from the 2019 dam inspection report and the DNR maintenance requirements.
- A wood bench was placed on the grounds and this is located behind the tennis courts.
- Temporary boat storage is now available behind the pool on a first come basis as space is limited. The requirement is that your name and phone number **must** be visible on the boat/watercraft.
- The wrought iron railing at front steps of Clubhouse received a fresh coat of paint.
- All lampposts in the front yard of the Clubhouse have been leveled and straightened.
- Trees in the front yard have gotten a much-needed pruning. The big mulch pile in the front yard is gone and replaced with grass. Other areas in the front yard have had grass seed sown to eliminate the bare spots.
- The Clubhouse sign has had a bit of a “makeover” with a new cedar roof.
- The grounds are being nicely groomed by our lawn service who works very closely with me.

The bridge was beyond repair and was removed in June. There was a lot of effort devoted to researching a replacement and a few options were suggested. However, this proved to be a more complex matter than was originally thought. Unfortunately, the Board was not able to reach a consensus view for a path forward this year. A new bridge is not in the foreseeable future. If you have ideas, please feel free to share your thoughts.

For matters relating to the grounds, your feedback is appreciated. I am happy to talk with you anytime. I can be reached through my Woodlands email [woodlandsgrounds@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsgrounds@yahoo.com), my cell phone 317-379-1958, or stop by and take a seat with me in my front yard (6' apart).





## Tennis News

### Christie & Ritchie Mora

#### Successful Lessons

Due to the COVID-19 crisis this summer, we were only able to offer tennis lessons in the month of July. Despite this, we had a great turnout and experience for all. Overall, we had 29 kids participate in lessons. Our instructor, Ellen Gardner, was absolutely fantastic! The growth the kids made in their tennis abilities over the one-month period was very evident. We look forward to a full summer of tennis lessons in 2021. We hope to see your kids there!

#### Seasonal Information

It is our goal to keep the nets up as long as we can this year. Tennis is a wonderful way to play a socially distanced sport. Because we will be purchasing new nets and poles for the spring, we are willing to keep our current nets up longer. We will send out an email to alert you when we plan to take the nets down for the winter.

#### Additional Information

In the past month, we have installed a new locking system to the tennis gate. It is not quite ready to use at this time. Once it is ready, we will send out information about how to access the courts using the new lock. It is our hope that once this is in place, our courts will only be used by Woodlands members and their guests. There have been many we have found to be non-residents using our courts because we did not have a lock.

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## Are You New to the Neighborhood?

My name is Linda Withrow and I am the Membership Director. I would like to welcome you to the neighborhood! I can give new members a tour of the amenities that come with WHA home ownership: clubhouse, pool, tennis, grounds, lake. Call or email me (317) 663-0552 [woodlandsmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsmembership@yahoo.com).

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