

# The Woodlands Acorn



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## Message From the President

Paul Jansen

### *Hello Neighbors!*

After a late snowstorm, it appears that Spring has finally arrived, and I love this time of year in Indiana. The birds are singing, grass is green, flowers are coming to life, and you see more and more of our neighbors getting outside. Many of my co-workers located in different states across the country have said they are jealous as they can hear the birds singing in the background as I work from my home office with the windows open. I've said this a number of times, but its worth repeating - it is such an honor and a privilege to live in this great neighborhood. I hope that as we begin to see things open back up, we can create opportunities to meet each other.

Your Board of Directors are all volunteers that want our neighborhood to continue to be a fantastic place to live and raise a family. We look forward to continuing to serve the neighborhood by fulfilling our objectives and goals that were started a few years ago by past presidents Ross Sexter and Judy Rouhselang. That mission being to simplify, streamline, modernize, focus on results, and to evolve the Board with new volunteers. We work hard to take care of our Woodlands; ensuring that we maintain and enhance the wonderful assets that we have. I encourage you to take part in using the common grounds, the lake, play tennis or pickle ball on the courts, come swim at the pool, rent the clubhouse, etc. As you participate in neighborhood activities, use the common areas, let us know what suggestions, comments, and ideas you have for changes and improvements. We look forward to hearing from you through the year.



## President's Message Continued

One of the most recent improvements is upgrading our website and email addresses. Thanks to a number of people for their wonderful work, we have completed an upgrade to the Woodlands Homeowners Association Web site: [www.woodlandshomeowners.org](http://www.woodlandshomeowners.org) The content may look the same, but we are now running on a much better and upgraded technology that offers some great advantages: much more user friendly, more modern technology, etc. Please take a look and give us your feedback. In addition to the new HOA website, we are also transitioning our email addresses from yahoo.com accounts to our own woodlandshomeowners.org accounts. Special thanks to Kent and Linda Withrow for their expert assistance and work to help us make these upgrades. Our new email addresses are:

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Our old yahoo accounts will remain active for the next couple months while we transition. I encourage you to use these new addresses when you need to email any of the board members.

Finally, I want to say a major Thank You to a few former Board members. Linda Withrow (Membership Director), Dawn Deady (Clubhouse Director), Mike Pipke (Grounds Director), and Audrey Strong (Activities). We appreciate the time, energy, effort, work, dedication, and service that each of you put in to volunteering for the Woodlands Homeowners Association and membership. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

# Thank You

## Activities

Alisha Pankiw and Marie Williams

We hope you all are having a wonderful Spring! Below are announcements on upcoming Woodlands Activities:

### May Blood Drive.

Thank you to those that have supported the blood drives. There is an emergency shortage, which is the most critical level of urgency. We will host another blood drive **May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 PM– 6:30 PM** at our clubhouse. Please consider donating!

### Coats Needed!

Kids Coat of Hamilton County will have a box available during the blood drive to collect new and used adults and kids coats.

### Plastic Grocery Bags Please!

We will also place out a tote to collect your plastic grocery bags for Michelle’s Mission of Love to make mats for those that are experiencing homelessness.

### June Garage Sale.

Mark your calendar! Our neighborhood garage sale with Woodland Springs will be **June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**. The Spring Green Garden Club will be having a plant sale June 5<sup>th</sup> outside the clubhouse from 8 AM- 4 PM.

### Join the Social Committee.

We look forward to offering some outdoor events this year. If you are interested in joining the Social Club Committee, please email us with your contact information. We would love to have you on the team!



## Clubhouse

Ross Sexter

Spring is in the air!!!

It’s time to start to hopefully have some normalcy in our lives again. As more Hoosiers are vaccinated, we are seeing many things resume to pre-Covid levels.

Some things to note are the clubhouse is open and many of the stringent protocols have been relaxed now for rentals.

Our new clubhouse Manager Brittany would love to give you a tour or help schedule your next rental. Feel free to reach out to her via email. [facilities@woodlandshomeowners.org](mailto:facilities@woodlandshomeowners.org)

The clubhouse is one of our greatest assets for our HOA.

Some of things that we are working on this year will be starting to get estimates for updating and remodeling the great room and the bathrooms. We are also looking for estimates on flooring updates.

If you have suggestions or can offer your services please feel free to reach out to me also. My email is: [clubhouse@woodlandshomeowners.org](mailto:clubhouse@woodlandshomeowners.org)

Our Hope is to return to full capacity sometime soon. We constantly are keeping track of Hamilton county and Carmel health department regulations.

Hope to see everyone soon again at our Clubhouse and Pool. Enjoy the weather!

# Grounds Report

## Judy Rouhselang

Hello Friends and Neighbors! I have several updates to share with you below:

- The March rainstorm brought down a few trees along the creek on the Lakeview Drive side of the HOA property. The downed trees were removed and overhanging limbs were trimmed up.
- Trees along Lakeshore Drive East were trimmed and overhanging limbs removed.
- Temporary boat storage is 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.**
- Trees in the front yard along the parking circle have been trimmed.
- Other areas on the grounds have had grass seed sown to eliminate the bare spots.
- The grounds are being nicely groomed by our lawn service who works very closely with me.
- A dam inspection is required this year and will be scheduled in early August. The inspection will cover the spillway portions of the dam owned by the Association and will also include portions of the dam that are owned by resident members who live on the lake.

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 317-407-6192.

### Kayaks, Canoes, and Paddleboats

A yellow kayak (see picture below) was left on the grounds near the parking lot the weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup>. There is no identification on the kayak. If this is your kayak, please be so kind and contact Judy Rouhselang, Grounds Director, [woodlandsgrounds@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsgrounds@yahoo.com), 317-407-6192.



Also, if you are the owner of any of the watercraft (3 paddleboats and one kayak) shown in the picture above right, please contact Judy Rouhselang, Grounds Director at [woodlandsgrounds@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsgrounds@yahoo.com), or call 317-407-6192. **There is no identification on any of the watercraft and identification is required.**

### LAKE TREATMENTS

The lake is professionally treated twice a month April through October to eliminate nuisance, non-native aquatic weeds, and algae. The safest products are used and, when possible, many natural and biological solutions are applied. The woodlandshomeowners.org website is updated twice a month after each treatment.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE AND RULES ABOUT WOODLANDS SPILLWAY  
AND DAM AREA**

Please kindly observe the following rules regarding the spillway and dam behind the WHOA Clubhouse, and please share these rules with your family. Report inappropriate behavior to the Woodlands Grounds Director woodlandsgrounds@yahoo.com.

- Do not play on any part of the rocky portion of the dam (this is not safe).
- Do not move stones (called "riprap") from off the sides of the **spillway channel** and into the channel.
- Do not move/relocate/pile up/collect the stones ("riprap") from the dam and build other structures, walkways, castles, towers campfires, etc.
- After moderate/heavy rains stay away from dam altogether and stay away from the rushing water in the creeks.
- Do not leave boats or watercraft on the dam or spillway.
- Vehicles and boat trailers are not allowed to be parked on the dam at any time.

**Thank you for observing the rules!**

**Pool**  
Andy Nist

Hello friends!

Hope you're looking forward to another upcoming summer at the pool. As we prepare for this season I wanted to share a handful of important details:

1. Presuming all goes well (mechanicals, permits, water chemistry, etc.) our planned opening is Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. Swim Lesson(s) Form is attached (see page 7) and can be turned in during opening weekend.
3. As of now we plan to operate under regular (pre-COVID) capacities, conditions, etc.
4. We've purchased new chaise lounges that are scheduled for delivery May 17<sup>th</sup>.
5. Our Guard Team has been hired and have our In-Service scheduled May 17<sup>th</sup>. This year ~70% of our Guards are new so please be patient and on your best behavior.
6. 2021 Pool Hours are below (website will be updated to reflect):

<b>2021 Pool Hours</b>
<i>Memorial Day to School Start</i>
Mon-Fri - Noon-8PM Sat - 10AM-8PM * Sun - 11AM-8PM *
<i>School Start to Labor Day</i>
Mon-Wed - Closed Thrs/Fri - 4:30PM-7PM Sat - 10AM-7PM * Sun - Noon-7PM *
* Adult Swim only first 1/2hr at Opening July 4th Hrs 10AM-6PM Labor Day Hrs Noon-6PM

Look forward to seeing you at the pool!



## Tennis News

Christie &  
Ritchie Mora

### Successful Lessons

Due to the COVID-19 crisis this past 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.

# 2021 SWIM LESSON ENROLLMENT FORM

**REGISTRATION begins when the pool opens (currently planned on May 29th) at 10:00 a.m.** Please turn in Form(s) and payment to any lifeguard as well as to confirm class availability (subject to change). An enrollment form can also be found at [www.woodlandshomeowners.org](http://www.woodlandshomeowners.org). There will be no make-ups for rain days or missed classes.

Lessons will be held Monday-Friday for a ONE-week period. You may sign up for multiple sessions. Cost per session per swimmer is \$25 cash or check (Session I \$20) 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. 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:** 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.

Please circle the sessions that are most convenient for you.

Session I: June 1-4 (\$20)

Session II: June 7-11 (\$25)

Session III: June 14-18 (\$25)

Session IV: June 21-25 (\$25)

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:**            10:30-11:00            11:00-11:30

**Sting Rays, Marlins and Sharks:**    10:30-11:15

Homeowner(s) in good standing COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM and include PAYMENT.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & address of homeowner:

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Board Meetings

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19, the Board meetings have been virtual, but we are hoping to meet in person soon. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, please contact Paul Jansen at [president@woodlandshomeowners.org](mailto:president@woodlandshomeowners.org).

