

The Woodlands Acorn



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Michael Simmons

The Woodlands Homeowners’
Association, Inc.
2024 Woodlands
Board of Directors

- President: Michael Simmons
president@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Vice President: Jordan Wood
vp@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Treasurer: David O’Halloran
treasurer@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Secretary: Sara Cummins
secretary@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Membership: Kelly Oreshan
membership@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Clubhouse: Jeff Bugher
clubhouse@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Grounds: Grant Morris
grounds@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Pool: Nick Oreshan
pool@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Tennis: Unoccupied
tennis@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Activities: John and Tiffany Buckingham
activities@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Facilities Managers:
Betsy & Blake Abshire
Facilities@woodlandshomeowners.org
- Website: [woodlandshomeowners.org](http://www.woodlandshomeowners.org)
- Twitter: [@WoodlandsCarmel](https://twitter.com/WoodlandsCarmel)
- Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/WoodlandsCarmel>

I hope this message finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. As we reflect on the past few months, I’m reminded of a timeless quote by Theodore Roosevelt: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." These words resonate deeply when reflecting on the collective efforts we make as a community to enhance and enjoy the wonderful neighborhood we call home. Living here is truly a privilege, and I feel fortunate to work alongside an incredible group of volunteer Board members. Together, we strive to ensure our neighborhood remains a place where residents can thrive, connect, and enjoy the many amenities available to us. This past summer, I hope you had the opportunity to fully enjoy the neighborhood's offerings—whether cooling off in the pool, paddling or fishing at the lake, playing tennis or pickleball, hosting gatherings at the clubhouse, or simply savoring a peaceful afternoon on the grounds. These shared spaces are the heart of our community. The Board has been working diligently to maintain and improve these amenities. We’re excited about some upcoming changes and projects, which our Board members will outline in their updates. I encourage you to take a moment to read through these updates, participate in community events, and share your thoughts on how we can continue to enhance our shared spaces. Lastly, and most importantly, we are seeking volunteers for open Board positions starting this spring. Please see the Vice President’s update for more details. No prior experience is required—just a willingness to contribute to our community. Thank you for being an integral part of this neighborhood. Wishing you and your families all the best in the season ahead!

In This Issue

Activities	2	Grounds News	5
Clubhouse	5	Pool News	4
Tennis News	6	At-a-Glance Events	8

ACTIVITIES

Tiffany and John Buckingham

Fabulous Fall Fun!

As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, our neighborhood is buzzing with exciting activities. Here's a recap of what we've enjoyed and a sneak peek at what's coming up.

Back to School Bash We kicked off the fall season with our annual Back to School Bash. Families gathered on the lawn and at the pool with food and drinks. It was a fun night for everyone!

Neighborhood Triathlon Unfortunately, the Neighborhood Triathlon did not occur this year. We hope to bring it back next year with even more enthusiasm and participation.

Chili Cookoff Families gathered on the lawn with blankets and chairs, enjoying live music. Kids had a blast with face painting and hula hooping. Our annual winner was Gina, but all participants were winners, leaving with empty pots to carry home. It was a fun night for everyone! Enjoy the photos below.

Halloween Volunteer WHOA members enjoyed a cozy fire and handed out hot dogs and full-size candy bars at the clubhouse. Enjoy the photos below.

Upcoming Activities

Family Movie Night Join us for a cozy Family Movie Night on December 19, 2024, at the clubhouse. Wear your favorite pajamas or holiday wear and enjoy popcorn and drinks as we watch a children's version of the "Grinch."

Santa Visit at the Clubhouse Round out the year with a Holiday Celebration with Santa on December 15, 2024. Join us for holiday crafts, snacks, and a visit with Santa. Don't forget to bring your cameras!

Mailchimp reminders will continue to be sent. If you are not on the list and would like to be added, please let me know!

Enjoy the beautiful fall season and all the wonderful activities we have planned!

While our current events focus on children and families, we recognize the need for activities that cater to households without children. We on the activities board are eager to hear your suggestions.

Some ideas we've brainstormed include a Pickleball Tournament, Tennis Tournament, Euchre Night (or any themed card game night), Billiards Night, sewing club, swing dancing night, and more.

If you have any ideas for activities for adults, please email us at activities@woodlandshomeowners.org.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in facilitating these events.

Thank you, and we look forward to your suggestions!

YOUR COMMUNITY



POOL NEWS

Nick Oreshan

As we transition into the cooler months, here's a summary of the key activities and updates for our community pool:

- Financials:** All bills have been paid and were under budget.
- Pool Closure:** The pool has been locked up and has been officially winterized.
- Maintenance:** The top railing for the stairs was fixed, though the bottom is still loose.
11 chairs were refurbished.
The ladders have been re-anchored, with one to be replaced once the pool is drained.
The baby pool leak source has been identified and will be patched.
The skimmer was repaired.
The cover was replaced after someone fell through it.
- Safety and Security:** Lifeguard chairs need repair or replacement due to instability.
There was an incident involving individuals trying to access the pool area after closing hours.
Unfortunately, some fences were damaged in the process. We are currently addressing the issue.
- Operational Issues:** The gate lock software is linked to the old Wi-Fi router; an update is being addressed. The issue with bathroom cleanliness during swim meets has been discussed with Aquatic.
- Future Plans:** A new Venmo account will be created for next year.
Pool rules will be updated in the off-season.
The grill will be replaced.

We appreciate the community's support and look forward to another great season next year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

LAKE AND GROUNDS UPDATES

Grant Morris

As we continue to maintain and improve our community, here are the latest updates on our ground's maintenance:

- **Storm Cleanup:** Trees and limbs from storms were cleaned up.
- **Hornets' Nest:** A hornets' nest was removed from the clubhouse grounds.
- **Jones RX Ponds:** A new lake management firm has been hired. Ideally, the neighborhood will receive better communication for pond treatment days and other activities.
- **Railroad Ties:** The board has approved the removal of railroad ties.

A special thank you goes out to Larry Rich and Mike Pipke for their endless support of the Woodlands Homeowners Association facilities. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and we sincerely appreciate all you do to keep our community thriving.

We appreciate the community's support and cooperation in keeping our grounds safe and beautiful. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with us.

CLUBHOUSE

Jeff Bugher

Here are the latest updates on clubhouse repairs, enhancements, and maintenance:

- **New Installations and Repairs:**
 - A smart thermostat was installed to replace the older not-so-smart unit
 - A broken overhead garage door spring, as well as the door rail wheels, were replaced
 - A faulty dusk-to-dawn sensor on the lamp post at the bottom of the front steps was replaced
 - A GFCI electrical outlet was installed above the TV room's kitchen sink
- **Security Enhancements:**
 - A dusk-to-dawn flood light was installed on the clubhouse roof and aimed toward the dumpster and bicycle rack areas of the grounds
 - We ordered and installed Private Property signs to help deter trespassing on the grounds. They are positioned near the clubhouse parking entrance, at the footbridge over the stream, and soon, on the tennis court fencing
- **Maintenance and Cleaning:**
 - Wildlife (squirrels, birds, bats) have infiltrated clubhouse crawlspace, attic, and wall spaces over time. Approved by the WHA board of directors, AAA Exterminating evacuates the critters and seals structure gaps to prevent their return. The bats cannot be addressed until Spring 2025 because of the cold season. They are hibernating through the winter
 - The board approved our resuming an agreement with Northside Window and Gutter Cleaning to provide semi-annual window (exterior and interior) cleaning services. Service will begin in Spring 2025



TENNIS

Vacant

As we transition into the beautiful fall season, we want to remind you of the excellent amenities available to our community members. Our two beautiful tennis courts are free for use by Association members anytime, except during scheduled tennis lessons or when reserved for open play pickleball. The south court is also lined for pickleball and features two rolling, all-weather pickleball nets.

Court Reservation

If you are a resident of the Woodlands Homeowners Association and are interested in reserving a court, please email tennis@woodlandshomeowners.org to request a neighborhood Skedda account. Please include your name, address, and monitored email address in your request. Please allow 24 - 48 hours for onboarding.

Open Play Pickleball

All homeowners are invited to Play open-play Pickleball on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All experience levels are welcome!

Additional Information

Please be mindful that the courts are a shared community asset for the Woodlands Homeowners Association residents and guests accompanied by an adult WHA member. Additional information on court rules can be found on our website. The nets are still up and will likely be taken down at the end of November, provided the weather stays as beautiful as it has been.

We hope you enjoy the fall season and enjoy these great amenities!

VICE PRESIDENT

Jordan Wood

As the crisp air and vibrant colors of Autumn settle in, I am reminded of how exceptional our neighborhood is. There's nothing quite like a walk through our community this season, with leaves crunching underfoot and homes beautifully decorated in festive colors. It's a beautiful time to appreciate the charm and warmth that make our neighborhood a great place to call home.

I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible team of dedicated volunteers who serve on our HOA Board of Directors. Their hard work and commitment behind the scenes help maintain our community's appeal and keep everything running smoothly. I am genuinely grateful for the time and effort each board member invests to ensure we all have a safe, beautiful, and thriving neighborhood to enjoy. I want to thank our outgoing board members, who have served incredibly well these past two years. Thank you to Kelly Oreshan, Tiffany Buckingham, and Grant Morris!

With that in mind, we're looking ahead to 2025. Serving on the Board is a rewarding way to make a difference and shape the future of our community. If you have fresh ideas, enjoy collaborating with others, or want to give back to the neighborhood, we would love to have you join the Board. No prior board experience is required!

The positions up for election next year are:

Position	Names on Slate
President (1 yr.)	Jordan Wood
Vice-President (1 yr. & roll into President in 2026)	Open
Treasurer (2 yrs.)	David O'Halloran
Clubhouse (2 yrs.)	Jeff Bugher
Grounds (2 yrs.)	Open
Membership (2 yrs.)	Open
Co-Activities (2 yrs.)	Open

Board positions not up for election are Secretary (Sara Cummins), Co-Activities (John Buckingham), and Tennis (this position would be board-appointed since it has gone vacant this year).

If you love our community and want to contribute, we encourage you to consider running for one of these positions. Your involvement can help shape the future of our neighborhood and ensure it remains a beautiful place to live.

As an added incentive for your invaluable service as a board member, we are pleased to offer a **waiver of your HoA dues for each year of your participation**. This is our way of expressing gratitude for your dedication and commitment to enhancing our community.

For more information or to express your interest, please get in touch with me at vp@woodlandshomeowners.org.

Neighborhood Safety

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

AES: <https://www.aesindiana.com/report-streetlight-problem>

Duke Energy: <https://salor-web.duke-energy.app/#/home/map>



Should you observe any instances of vandalism or unruly behavior within our community, please report them promptly to the police or a member of the HoA. Your vigilance helps maintain the safety and harmony of our neighborhood.

October 31st Trick or Treat Event

November 11th Board Meeting 7:30 pm

December 9 Holiday Movie Might

December 11 Holiday Celebration with Santa Claus



The Acorn is issued three times a year to provide updates on activities in the Woodlands. If you have signed up for Woodlands emails, look for your copy via email in May and October. The February edition is mailed to each property.