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christine moffett | president
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Spring forward! But before we do, I would like to thank the Recreation Staff for a fantastic Cabin Fever held this past February. Where can you go in the Midwest and enjoy the winter time by watching fireworks in the crisp evening sky and Woodhaven snowmobilers have their day on the lake racing? Several Property Owners also enjoyed the free refreshments and food at the Rec Plex, as well as the new arcade games. I appreciate staff and Property Owners being flexible with the date change for the event; it seemed to work to our benefit weather-wise to delay it by a week for a little more warmth.

Now let's spring forward to an exciting Spring Fling which will be taking place on the weekend of April 24th. During Spring Fling we will have the traditional events like the open market, food and bands at the pavillion. Looking further into the season, in celebration of our 50th Anniversary there will be 4 main events in addition to our 3 traditional holiday weekend celebrations-Main Event #1 June 26-27, Main Event #2 July 10-11, Main Event #3 July 24-25 and Main Event #4 August 7-8, where there will be fireworks, food, event shows and some outstanding bands. Don't forget we will have our "Stay Golden" 50th celebration shirts on sale at the Association Office.

In preparation for coming out this Spring, be prepared to do some branch pickup after this winter's ice storms. The grounds crew will begin to pick up brush this month. Please sign up using the Woodhaven Lakes app or by calling or going to the Association Office. For tree work, please review our contractors list provided by ESAC for contact information, if you require tree removal or large branches to be cut.

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Introducing Member-Owned Woody, Inc.

In 1983, Woodhaven was coming into its own. Much of the major development of both Phase 1 (Sections 1 – 15) and 2 (Section 16 – 29) were completed. The Association, as has always been the case from Woodhaven's inception and remains to this day, was looking at new ways to provide enhanced amenities and services for Property Owners and guests.

"The development of Woody, Inc. (Service Center, General Store/Restaurant & Bait Shop) to provide services to the members of the Association is an important step to assure the future of Woodhaven," wrote Pat Sherrard, Editor, in the 1983 Spring-Summer edition of the Woodhaven News.

The Service Center opened on February 20, 1983 and the General Store was stocked and open in mid-April. The original General Store was in a rustic-style building just west of where the current Rec Plex Building sits.

"Turning Woodhaven into another city is not the intent of the Board of Directors nor the staff," Don Liggett, Executive Director, said in explaining the importance of these services to Property Owners. "Yes, we believe Woody, Inc. will be very successful and that all Association members will be pleased to have these services available here at Woodhaven rather than having to go off property for items needed to enjoy their weekends

at their campsites."

The General Store was a huge hit from the beginning, as reports from those early years detailed campers waiting in line outside the store on Fridays to get in and buy needed goods for their weekend at Woodhaven.

Camping "Essentials" from the General Store

Advertisements for the General Store began running in the Woodhaven Weekly (now the Leisure Times) in May 1983. The first General Store was truly considered a "convenience store", offering a limited selection of items and products considered necessities for camping—paper towels, hot dogs, marshmallows, charcoal, soft drinks, and instant coffee. It also had a deli tub with fresh potato salad, cole slaw, macaroni salad and shrimp salad; fresh meats for the grill and, of course, a great variety of beers for relaxing around the campfire. Beer selections included 6-packs of Pabst Blue Ribbon for \$2.29, 12-packs of (warm) Stroh's for \$4.29, and 24-packs of Old Style for \$7.60.

By 1989, the General Store outgrew its space, and a new building (currently the Rec Plex) was constructed just east of its original location, allowing the store to increase its selections, including fresh baked items, expanded

deli and ice cream window. The old General Store was converted into an arts & crafts space in one half of the building, and the restaurant was relocated to the other half.

The General Store Finds its Forever (or at least long-term) Home

In January 1999, a Strategic Planning Committee was formed to evaluate and generate ideas to improve the Sports Core area. The Committee devised a detailed 8-year plan with the idea of separating the recreational amenities from the commercial amenities in the Sports Core area and a redesign to offer less congestion and more parking. With these goals in mind, the current General Store Building opened in March 2004, which also housed the current restaurant, bank, laundromat and, at the time, bait shop. Several changes were made throughout the years since the building opened, including expanding the laundromat into the old bait shop area and a renovation of the restaurant.

The General Store Today & Upcoming Season Hours

The current General Store has come a long way since its opening in 1983. While still offering all the camping necessities, selections have been expanded to offer most items found in a full-service grocery store, including a full-service deli, fresh deli meats and salads, fresh produce, hand-dipped and soft serve ice cream, and a full-service restaurant. The restaurant, which was renovated two-seasons ago, not only offers excellent food at a reasonable price, but a relaxed and comfortable ambiance with a throw-back camping diorama, historical Woodhaven photographs and framed original section plat maps for viewing.

The General Store will open for weekends in April on Saturday, April 10, with expanded hours on Spring Fling Weekend. General Store April 2021 hours are:

Saturday, April 10: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, April 11: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Saturday, April 17: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, April 18: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Spring Fling Weekend

Friday, April 23: 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 24: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 25: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The restaurant will also open Spring Fling Weekend on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pizza Plus will be on Saturday, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Check out our website calendar or mobile app for Store, Restaurant and Pizza Plus hours beyond Spring Fling Weekend through the remainder of the season.

A Celebratory Beverage: Woodhaven's Stay Golden Ale

Long considered a camping "essential", there is nothing like a cold beer after a day working in the yard, cooking burgers on the grill, or sitting around the crackling campfire paired with laughter, reminiscing and great stories with family and friends.

While in the early stages of discussion, we are collaborating with Noon Whistle Brewing Company in Naperville to bring you a special Woodhaven 50-year celebration beer—Stay Golden Ale. We hope to have this beer, which

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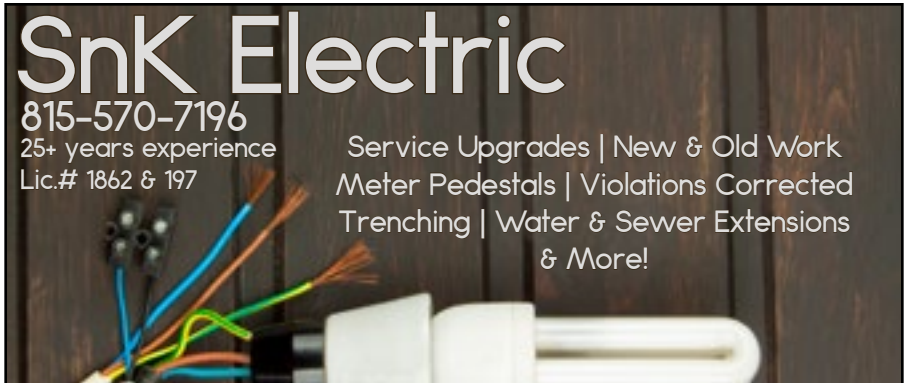
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will be offered for purchase through the General Store in commemorative 12 oz./6- pack cans, available sometime in early May.

We guarantee this beer to be as smooth as Sunset Lake on a calm Sunday morning, as crisp as an early spring hike through the giant oaks and pines, and as bright as the mid-day sun’s reflection off a 1978 Airstream trailer. What we cannot guarantee are 1983 beer prices as noted above!

Watch for more details and announcements on Woodhaven’s social media sites and in future issues of the *Woodhaven News*.

Speaking of a 1978 Airstream Trailer...

Continuing on with our 50-year celebration, we will be offering a special raffle to Property Owners and their guests. Beginning Spring Fling weekend, you can purchase tickets for your chance at a 1978 Airstream Ambassador trailer. We searched all winter for the perfect 70s era trailer and found our gem in Mesa, Arizona. It’s a beautiful, open, and clean trailer – we’re putting some finishing touches on the inside, making sure the outside is polished just right, and will have it available for viewing on holiday weekends throughout the season.

Your first chance to view the shining beauty will be Spring Fling weekend. We’ll be set up with a tent to sell tickets right next to the trailer, so you can take a look when you purchase your chance. Tickets will be available at the Association Office and other various locations through Labor Day Sunday. Tickets will be \$25 each, or – as a 50th Celebration Special – 3 tickets for just \$50!



While our grand prize is the 1978 Airstream Ambassador, we will also be offering 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place prizes. Second place prize will be up to \$5,000 toward a lot improvement of your choice, third place prize will be payment of the 2022-2023 fiscal year assessment, and fourth place prize will be a Traeger Pellet Grill. Depending on ticket sales, we may draw for multiple 2nd-4th place prizes. Prize drawings will take place on Labor Day Sunday, during the live band. More information will be posted to our website in the coming weeks!

And Now on to Other Business

ASSESSMENT REMINDER

A minimum payment of \$680 for lots with sewer and \$617.50 for lots without sewer needs to be received in the Association Office on or before March 31, 2021 to avoid additional late fee charges. Property Owners who do not meet this requirement will be assessed a late fee of \$50. Please make sure your payment is received before the March 31, 2021 due date.

The Administration Office is currently open Monday through Saturday from 8:30am to 4:30pm and closed on Sundays. Property Owners visiting Woodhaven are encouraged to stop in the office during these times. Other options include dropping your payment office in the office drop box or making your payment at the Front Gate when the office is closed. Property Owners can also call the office during business hours to authorize payment by credit card or debit card; choosing this option includes a 3% processing fee. In addition, the Association’s website at www.woodhavenassociation.com and the Woodhaven App provide Owners with links to the payment portal. Payment instructions are provided in the payment portal. If you need more information about this service, please contact the Association Office at (815) 849-5209.

Property Owners who fail to make a timely payment will also have their passes deactivated until the required payments are made. The inactivation process will be run following the March 31, 2021 due date. Multiple lot owners are required to make payments on all the properties they own. If a multiple lot owner is delinquent in assessments on any of their properties, the passes on all lots owned will be deactivated until the required payments are made. Please contact the Association Office if you have questions or concerns with these policies.

The Association continues to receive an excellent response to the early payment option for the 2021-2022 assessment with a significant number of Owners paying their balances in full. If you have already paid your assessments, thank you and enjoy Woodhaven’s 50-year Celebration!

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1978 Airstream Ambassador
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Staff has completed the final draft of the 2021-2022 annual budget figures. This information is presented in the 2021-2022 Annual Budget Report, which includes a monthly line-item budget, our five-year operating plan, our reserve plans, and other information related to our long-term budget planning. The 2021-2022 Annual Budget Report was and/or will be presented to the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee at meetings scheduled in March. The final draft of this report is included on the March 22, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda.

Specific information on the Association budget was published in the December issue of the *Woodhaven News* and is also available for viewing on the Members tab on our website at www.woodhavenassociation.com. The final figures include adjustments to both the operating and restricted portions of the budget and were based on information obtained since the Budget Hearing in November. The following adjustments were made after the November 14th Budget Hearing.

- The net change to the bottom-line projections for the operating fund has decreased the projected deficit by \$8,000 to a total projected deficit of <\$176,061>. Detailed line-item changes include:
 - » Income from pass replacements was increased by \$4,000.
 - » Office supply expense were increased by \$4,000, related to pass replacements.
 - » Projected income from Woody, Inc. was increased by \$8,000 based on reducing real estate tax expenses on a reassessment of the Service Center location.
- The net change to restricted fund projects has decreased projected expenditures by \$136,700. Detailed line-item changes include:
 - » \$30,400 was added to Computer System Upgrades at the Service Center to account for improvements to the pay-at-the-pump services of our gas pumps.
 - » \$44,000 was added to include funding for the replacement of the JCB Load All loader damaged from an equipment fire occurring in January 2021.
 - » Carry over funds of \$22,000 are added to the 2021-2022 project list to complete improvements to the Four Seasons Playground not completed in 2020-2021.
 - » Carry over funds of \$4,000 are added to the 2021-2022 project list for unacceptable material drop-off improvements not completed in 2020-2021.

- » Carry over funds of \$36,300 are increased on the 2021-2022 project list for the dredging projects beginning in 2020-2021.

Carry over projects are line items approved within the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget, which will not be completed by March 31, 2021. Reserve funding has been allocated for these projects and the dollar amounts represent the portions of the budget that have not been expended. A copy of the 2021-2022 Annual Budget Report is available for owners to view at the Association. Owners can also view this report on the Association's website under the Members tab. If you have questions or need additional information on the budget, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Association Office.

PROJECTS & OTHER UPDATES:

- Dredging equipment arrived on property toward the end of February and was temporarily placed in the Nature Center / Bait Shop parking lot. This was done in advance of the road postings to make sure we could get started on this project in March. Mobilization has or will take place in March with dredging beginning later in the month. This project includes improvements to Blue Gill Lake, Pine Lake, and Hidden Lake.
- With improving weather conditions, debris clean-up from the winter ice storms has begun in earnest on our common properties. There is a lot of clean-up work to do, and it will not be limited to common properties. As attendance levels increase and Owners begin to clean-up individual properties the brush piles will be larger this year and it will take longer to get them picked up. Please be patient with this process and know we will be making every effort to address these tasks in timely manner.
- Over the winter months several projects have been approved to replace vehicle and equipment items included on the project lists for FY 2021-2022. We have also completed several improvements to facilities including some painting, décor, and flooring upgrades.
- We are in discussions with Shady Oaks Country Club on an agreement for the 2021 golf season. At this time, our objective is to continue with a program like what was applied in 2020. If approved, the Association will enter into an agreement prior to the beginning of the 2021 golf season.



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We received a list of properties from Lee County’s Delinquent Tax Agent on possible lots to be offered in the County’s sealed bid sale planned for later this year. Delinquent owners have until May 20, 2021 to redeem the taxes or their properties will be offered for sale by Lee County. The current list includes 66 Woodhaven lots, with approximately 50 properties current in assessments with the Association. As a courtesy to these Owners, letters have been sent to advise them of their delinquent status with Lee County. If the tax balances are not redeemed, the property will be offered for sale through a sealed bid process later this year.

If you received a courtesy letter and have questions or need more information, please contact the Lee County Treasurers Office at (815) 288-4477 to discuss your options.

Weather conditions are beginning to improve, and the summer season is just around the corner. Your Woodhaven staff is working hard to get things ready for an exciting and enjoyable year. We hope your winter has gone well and look forward to the return of our weekend campers and snowbirds as spring has arrived. As a prelude to summer, check out the awesome lineup of events for Spring Fling Weekend, April 24 & 25, on pages 12-15 of this edition of the *Woodhaven News*.


Thank you for choosing to keep Woodhaven as your recreational destination and please enjoy Woodhaven’s 50th Celebration this year!

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Woodhaven Weather Alert Siren Info

Here is a quick refresher on Woodhaven's procedures for weather notifications and tips for taking shelter during inclement weather at Woodhaven.

- » Note there is **NO** all clear siren, you should use your own judgement for leaving sheltered areas. Our procedures are mirrored after other cities and municipalities. In fact, NO municipalities in Illinois have "All Clear" signals, as weather is unpredictable.
- » We cannot tell you what the safest option for you is personally. All comfort stations and any OPEN facilities will be available for shelter. But please keep in mind that traveling in vehicles can be just as dangerous.
- » Have a Plan! Practice your family's procedure and make sure all members know what to do in case of inclement weather.
- » Invest in a weather radio and have plenty of batteries. The most up-to-date info will be released through the NOAA weather radio and the National Weather Service.

The objective of Woodhaven's Siren procedures provides advanced warning for staff and general Woodhaven public of conditions present for the development of a tornado/funnel cloud in the immediate Woodhaven Lakes area. The sirens warn to say tuned to local weather reports and to be prepared to take cover. Please remember, these are **outdoor** warning sirens and are not meant to be heard when indoors.

The sirens are activated when:

- » Woodhaven Lakes receives a report by the NOAA weather radio, TV report, or public radio from the National Weather Service of a tornado warning that includes the following areas: Amboy, Sublette, Woodhaven Lakes, southeast or southwest parts of Lee County.
- » A phone call from the Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) or Lee County Sheriff's Department that a funnel cloud or tornado is heading toward Woodhaven.

Reminder - Sirens are tested the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m., barring inclement weather. In inclement weather, testing is moved to the following week.

Taxes vs Assessments

Woodhaven is definitely a great place to get away from the grinds of daily life—work, traffic & noise. As with most hobbies and recreational activities, however, there are varying degrees of financial costs and expenses that go along with the fun and relaxation, and Woodhaven is no exception.

When you make the commitment to yourself and your family to purchase recreational property at Woodhaven, you also make the pledge to accept the accompanying financial responsibilities. Two of the primary financial obligations involved at Woodhaven are the annual Association assessments and the yearly county property taxes. There is often a misconception that the assessment and county tax bill are one in the same. It’s very important to learn and know the differences between these two expenses, what they provide, and who they are paid to.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENT

When you purchase property at Woodhaven, you become a member of the Woodhaven Association. As a member of the Association, you are responsible to fund your ownership share of the Association’s annual budget. This budget includes annual operating costs, such as cost to operate facilities, including the pools, water and sewer facilities and other amenities; providing programs and services; and maintenance of buildings and common grounds. Also included in the annual budget is a reserve fund, which sets aside a certain amount of cash for future improvements, emergencies or unexpected repairs and improvements.

Every year Woodhaven’s Board of Directors and volunteer committees spend months reviewing past budgets and working with staff to determine current and future budgetary needs based on goals set by the Board. Through this process, the Board then determines each individual property’s share based on the number of billable properties at Woodhaven and Woodhaven’s overall budgetary needs. The budget process is well documented through the *Woodhaven News* and allows Property Owner input at several stages of the process. The process culminates in November of each year when the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year is presented to the members in an open meeting. The following fiscal year budget is typically approved by the Board of Directors at the December Board meeting. After the Board approves the budget, including the amount to be billed to each individual Property Owner, staff begins preparing the assessment bills, which are typically mailed to Property Owners in January each year, with a March 31 due date for the first installment payment.

It is important to understand that the individual annual assessment amount is based on the number of billable properties located at Woodhaven. Therefore, every billable lot with sewer service is billed the exact same assessment amount. Also, every lot without sewer service is billed the same amount as every other lot in Woodhaven without sewer service. And because the assessments are actually billed to each billable lot, Property Owners who own multiple lots are required to pay an assessment for each lot they own.

PROPERTY TAXES

If you own a home or property somewhere other than Woodhaven, then you are probably well aware of what property taxes are and how they are assessed. For all others, property tax on real estate is typically levied by local government at the municipal or county level and they help support local education, police/fire protection, local governments and other local infrastructure. The tax is usually assessed at a percentage of two components—the value of the land, and any improvements or building value.

At Woodhaven, assessed land values can vary greatly depending upon location within the property. For example, property on a lake would be assessed at a higher value than a lot not located near water. Structures and improvements at Woodhaven that can be assessed include free standing room additions, covered decks, and sheds. Park models, travel trailers, fifth-wheels and other RVs cannot be assessed, as they are considered personal property.

Woodhaven properties are located in Lee County, and as such, are taxed by Lee County Treasurer’s Office. With more than 1,700 acres of property, Woodhaven encompasses two different townships and two different fire protection districts. Because of this, similar campsites may be assessed at slightly different rates based on what township or fire protection district they are located in. Tax bills in Lee County are usually mailed out in April or May of each year with due dates of June and September. A notice is included each year in the *Woodhaven News* when the Lee County tax bills are mailed.

It is important to know these bills are mailed directly to the residential address of the Property Owner listed on the deed. If you, as a Property Owner, ever have a home change of address, you need to contact Lee County Treasurer’s Office to provide them with the most current information so your tax bill can reach you. Remember, you are responsible for payment of your county taxes whether you received a bill in the mail or not! We have seen many situations where Property Owners have lost ownership of their lot to non-payment of taxes because the bill was not being sent to the correct address. The Lee County Treasurer’s Office can be reached at 815-288-4477; Woodhaven will not be able to answer questions regarding specific tax bills.

Hopefully, this clears up any uncertainty or confusion between the annual association assessments and county tax bills. If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Woodhaven Association’s Office at 815-849-5209.

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board action report

The following actions were taken or reported by the Board of Directors at their January 25, 2021 Meeting. *Full meeting minutes will be posted to the Members tab on our website after approval at the February meeting*

- 1. Motion was made to approve the January 12, 2021 – Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Motion was made to approve the January 12, 2021 – Board of Directors’ Executive Session Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Motion was made to uphold the residency violation for Section 4 Lot 157 with a fine of \$100 and restricted use of the Campsite to days, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., for 183 days beginning January 26, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Motion was made to approve the quote from Altorfer Cat (Catepillar) for a cost of \$93,802.59 including trade-in and tax. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Motion was made to approve the Resolution Amending the Policy Manual with modifications to 01-190-0211. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Motion was made to approve the publication of the By-Laws in the March Newspaper. Motion passed unanimously.

The following actions were taken or reported by the Board of Directors at their February 22, 2021 Meeting. *Full meeting minutes will be posted to the Members tab on our website after approval at the March meeting*

- 1. Motion was made to approve the February 9, 2021 – Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes. Motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention.
- 2. Motion was made to remove the Variance Appeal for Section 27 Lot 41 from New Business and postpone and discuss this case at the March 9, 2021 Board of Directors’ Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Motion was made to uphold the residency violation for Section 4 Lot 151 with a fine of \$100 and restricted use of the Campsite to days, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., for 183 days beginning February 23, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Motion was made to approve the proposal from Anderson Pump Service, Inc. for a cost of \$39,114 and a recommended change to the 2021 – 2022 Budget to account for this project. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Meetings are subject to change, please check our website to view the most up-to-date schedules before attending a meeting.*

Please see the online Event Calendar for details - many meetings will continue to be on a virtual platform. Board meeting agendas will be posted to Facebook prior to each meeting.

April		
10th	Communications Comm.Meeting, Woodhaven	9 am
13th	Board of Directors’ Meeting, Zoom	7 pm
17th	Section Representatives’ Meeting, Rec Plex	9:30 am
26th	Board of Directors’ Meeting, Zoom	7 pm
May		
1st	Facilities Planning Comm. Meeting, Woodhaven	11am
8th	Communications Comm.Meeting, Woodhaven	9 am
15th	Section Representatives’ Meeting, Rec Plex	9:30 am
22nd	Finance Comm. Meeting, Woodhaven	8:30 am
29th	Board of Directors’ Meeting, Woodhaven	9 am

Woodhaven’s Honor Roll of Veterans

We are continuing to seek the names of Woodhaven Property Owners and their immediate family who are US veterans or active duty. We will be adding to the list we started in 2019 - if you submitted your info last year, we will continue to include you. The Association would be honored to post these names in the **Woodhaven News** as well as on the Association Office, Realty Office, Laundromat, & Woody’s General Store/Restaurant’s TV monitors. You can fill out the form and return it to the Association Office, online [here](#) or you can send us a message through Facebook. We will continue to accept submissions and publish the list continually.

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RECREATION & ACTIVITIES

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH

Easter Events 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Rec Plex open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a fun filled Easter weekend! Hop along with the Recreation Department and the Easter Bunny as we search for eggs. Registration and Check-In will take place at the Rec Plex starting at 11 a.m. The cost of the Easter Punch Pass will be \$4 per child. From there the hunt will begin through the grassy areas surrounding the Rec Plex. Everyone will receive a special prize. We will also offer a special section of the egg hunt geared towards our younger participants (ages 3 and under) who may not be ready for the "big" kids hunt. After the egg hunt, stop by the Creation Station where we will be having a craft. The Creation Station (Arts & Crafts Room) will be open for children to make an Easter craft. (This is included in the egg hunt fee.) Children will be treated to a snack and drink as well. Bring your camera and capture the memories of your little ones enjoying this favorite Woodhaven activity. Be sure to see the Easter Bunny who will be hopping around at the activities!

Spring Fling 2021 | 35 Years in the Making

Recovering from the economic recession and in an attempt to keep pace with the rapidly increasing sales and use of properties at Woodhaven Lakes in the mid '80s, the Recreation Department doubled in size going from 1 to 2 fulltime employees. One of the primary objectives from the very beginning for the new Recreation Manager was to expand the "off-season" programs and offerings. It was then that we first experienced "Fall Festival" followed by "Spring Fling" weekends.

We have much more planned than usual for this year's Stay Golden Woodhaven Lakes – Spring Fling 2021. Covid-19 restrictions will still be in place at this time, and throughout the summer in one form or another, so planning for that now with lessons learned from last year, will ensure many wonderful opportunities to celebrate all season long. One of the key factors to successful event planning during a pandemic is to "spread out" as much as possible. We will be utilizing all of the facilities and fields/parking lots surrounding them, both in the REC PLEX and WOODHAVEN LAKE areas. Further specifics as to exact times and locations of events and activities are still being strategically planned

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Bass Fishing Tournament

Get that FishDonkey app downloaded on your phone, it's FREE! Just for downloading the app to learn more about Woodhaven's spring fishing tournament, you automatically win a Bass Fishing Lure to be claimed at Woodhaven's own Northern Exposure Bait Shop (up to a \$5 value!). Within the app you'll find out how much fun it is using this valuable tool to participate in Woodhaven's spring fishing tournament. Easy tournament registration, friendly fishing competition among your fellow Property Owners, visual leader board to track and follow the tournament participants, lots of cool fishing prizes, it really is something to see and cast into if you are a fisherman of our seven beautiful lakes.

Food Vendors Fare

Wrestling with Covid-19 over the past year has developed a whole new appreciation for food services these days. With continuing concerns probable to continue at least into the summer, we will be expanding the number of Food Vendors and spreading them out between our two main activity areas (REC PLEX and WOODHAVEN LAKE). Along with Woody's Campstove Restaurant, Minnie's Pool One concessions, and The Snack Shack at Pool Two/Beach, we are working with both old and new Food Vendors to add the variety everyone desires in the fare of food. Topping the list with several to be with us for Spring Fling weekend are: Hungry 4 Spuds, John's Rib House, Flo's on Pulaski, Tacos Guzman, Back Alley Grill, Alfano's Pizza, and Dairy Mart Mexican.

Silent Auction: Boats, Canoes, Kayaks and More

This year's auction is going to be crazy! We have a pile-up of boats, both from the Watercraft Rentals at the Beach and the unclaimed boats from the Lakes/Resource Department. Even more so, we have a montage of additional items to be auctioned from the "replaced/used equipment" inventory of the Woodhaven Association and Woody Inc. Look for further details in future *Woodhaven News* and communication outlets.

Soccer Collies

Brand new first time appearance, it's Soccer Collies! Adult and children alike play soccer against dogs. K9 Soccer Collies will be here all weekend long ready to play against your family and friends as they try to score a goal. They are part of Soccer Dogs who are on a mission to bring together and connect the soccer world with the dog rescue world. Soccer Dogs is leading the way to help ball-motivated rescue dogs to find a home in a soccer-loving family. You're going to love this win-win entertainment. "Who's a good dog?"



Animal Adventures: Pony Rides, Wagon Rides and Petting Zoo

Let's all just plan for a nice sunny and mildly warm spring weekend. That would be sure to add to the always fun time of a horse-drawn wagon ride through the emerging green of spring, or the chance to visit with the newborn animal babies at the petting zoo before saddling up and climbing aboard the ever popular ponies.



Tree and Shrub Sale

Harkening back to the original themes that gave way to the start of Spring Fling weekend 35 years ago, the environment needs to be taken care of. Hands down, there is no single action that can bring about the most positive change in our natural environment here at Woodhaven than planting a tree. So much so, the Nature Center, in conjunction with the Resource Department, gives away a free tree every Spring Fling to every Property Owner asking. Following up that lead, the Recreation Department, in conjunction with the local Amboy Soil and Water Conservation Office, offers many different species of trees and shrubs for sale. Conifers, Hardwoods and Flowering Shrubs are abundant at the sale and are priced at, or below, cost to purchase. Usually close to 2' high (or higher) and a few years into their growth, these trees and shrubs are native to the area and often survive very well after you

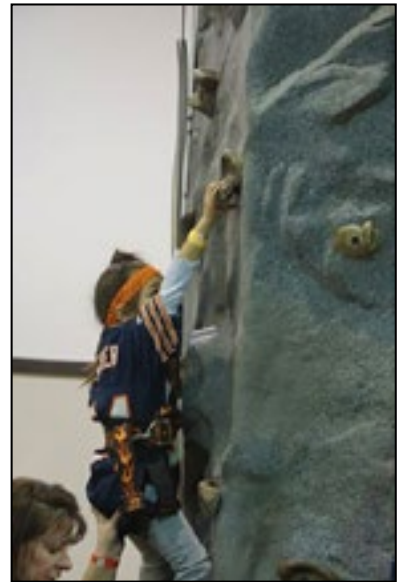
have found the perfect place to plant them. First available Saturday, any that are left over will be brought back out on Sunday.

Rock Climbing Wall (Saturday Only)

"Maybe" a little more than the young guns can handle, climb, and conquer; the Rock Climbing Wall is a challenge in the making for all other youth no matter what age you are. Do we have any takers? Try all three different skill routes to the top offering varied challenges on this 26 foot tower; we want to hear that bell ring!

'80s Video Dance Party and Silent BINGO

Oh my, watch out, it's big hair night! Hey!, maybe we should have a "Best Big Hair" contest!?! Come on!...all you now Mom and Dads, who were the then school's coolest of the '80s – show us how you rock it!! Yes! "Video Killed the Radio Star...Video Killed the Radio Star...Pictures came and broke your heart". Good luck not singing that the rest of the day. And what in the world is "Silent BINGO"? Good question! We know the answer and you can find out on your own by joining us at the newly renovated Multi-Purpose Room of the Rec Plex. We'll be resurrecting the original jumbo lighted bingo board from the last days of cash bingo held at Woodhaven in the late eighties. Last seen over 30 years ago, it's been under wraps on the second floor of Holcomb Hall ever since. All aged members of the family are invited. This will be a BYOB approved activity. "Video Killed the Radio Star...In my mind and in my car, we can't rewind, we've gone too far...Video Killed the Radio Star".



SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Bass Fishing Tournament

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Animal Adventures: Pony Rides, Wagon Rides and Petting Zoo

Open Air Market (Sunday Only)

This will be the first of six opportunities this year to venture through the unique and varied items for sale from the many different vendors, crafters, and garage/yard sellers. With the lack of Open Markets held here and elsewhere due to last year's cancellations, our marketers are overstocked and looking to sell. Spending more time in our homes, many people have been doing a lot of house clearing with an "out with the old and in with the new" attitude that has been adding to the number of yard sale type vendors. Covid-19 requirements will keep booth spaces 30' apart from each other, as well as across from each other. As a result and to keep the demand for booth spaces available, the Open Market location will expand over into the once original Flea Market and Art n Craft Fair location on the improved gravel trail located to the left of the General Store.

Waxed Hands (Sunday Only)

Wow! Here's a trip back in time with an activity that many people today would never believe still exists. Waxed Hands is exciting and a lot of fun for the kid in all of us especially if you have never experienced it before. The kids will laugh because of the weird feeling and AMJ makes it a little corny and lots of fun! Not just a 3D Waxed Hand keepsake for participants to take home, but "an experience". Safe, exciting, clean and all within minutes from start to end.



RECREATION & ACTIVITIES

Spring Fling Adventure Pass

The following activities and programs offered throughout the weekend will have a modest fee of \$3 each or will be even further discounted (2.50 each) with use of an Adventure Pass that includes your choice of any combination of eight (8) activities per \$20 pass. Those activities include: Pony Rides, Wagon Rides, Petting Zoo, Rock Climbing Wall, and Waxed Hands. The Adventure Pass may also be used for discounted Mini Golf play and Arts n Crafts Projects this weekend.

Stay Golden 50th Celebration Commemorative T-shirts

Stay Golden this summer in our new Main Event T-shirts! NEW this year we are offering long sleeve and short sleeve shirts. The short sleeve shirts will be offered in Chocolate Brown, and the long sleeve in Navy blue! These colors make our Golden logo Pop! Stay cool throughout the day, and warm at night with the two different T-shirt styles.

Short Sleeve - Brown

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Long Sleeve - Blue

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**Main Events 2021 - Celebrating 50!**

Why have one Main Event weekend when you can have FOUR!! That means 4x the attractions, shows, and fireworks! Our first Main Event weekend will feature the **Great American High Dive Show** on June 26 & 27. Amazing performers dive from 80ft in the air! If that thrill isn't enough, they will also complete the human torch dive. The excitement continues when two weekends in July will be heating up with a **Grand Midway** lined-up on both sides with Fun, Food, and Games of all sorts, for all ages, on the weekend of July 10 & 11. Highly requested, **Dock Dogs® National Dog Jumping Competition** will be back on July 24 & 25! This Wild Card event is sure to bring out even more competing dogs than before. **The Neverless Nocks** performers have been all over the world and will be showcasing the weekend right here on Woodhaven Lake, August 7 & 8. From Jet Packs to Water Ski Stunts this will be something to see! Blazing beautifully over Woodhaven Lake, Fireworks will be displayed every one of the Main Event Weekends. The firework shows will follow our live entertainment at the Amphitheatre on Saturday evening. Stay Golden Woodhaven - come Celebrate Year 50!



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June 19 Chicago Latin Groove
June 26 The Neverly Brothers
July 10 Hillbilly Rockstarz
July 17 Anthem
July 24 Brass from the Past

July 31 Cadillac Groove
Aug. 7 Southern Accents
Aug. 14 Route 66
Aug. 21 Bagshot Row
Aug. 28 Wild Daisy
Sept. 4 Flat Cats
Sept. 5 Hello Weekend

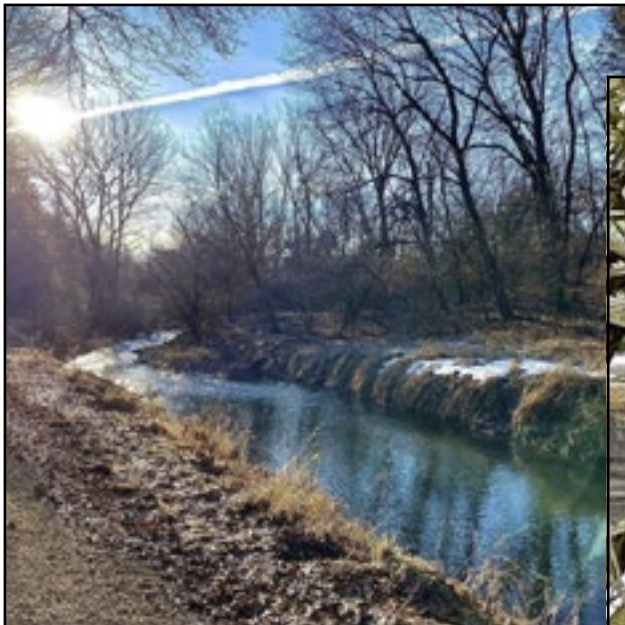




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woodhaven_lakes Looks like #Woodhaven is finally unthawing! Who's ready for camping season? #camp #camping #woodhavenlakes #spring #fun #nature #resort








woodhaven_lakes Some quick photos of the beautiful winter visitors we have at the Association office. #winter #snow #cold #season #birds #cardinals #bluejay #resort #camp #camping #woodhaven #woodhavenlakes







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1/121	Darren Terrell	Aurora	IL
3/143-4	Juan Romero	Chicago	IL
7/31	Glen Smith	Metropolis	IL
9/46	Laurie & Kimberly Stanczak	Warrenville	IL
10/116	Selinet Otero	Chicago	IL
11/263	Martin Naja & Lizette Alarcon	Chicago	IL
15/162-3	Charles & Tracy Cron	Chicago	IL
15/186	Esmeralda & Jesse Dominguez	Chicago	IL
16/144	Daniel Rivera	Hanover Park	IL
16/144	Natalie Centeno	Chciago	IL
18/32	Luis Aponte & Diana Cornejo	Burbank	IL
20/57	Joseph Wroblewski	Peru	IL
22/26	Nancy & Francisco Godinez	Lansing	IL
24/75	Daniel & Carol Goudzwaard	Bolingbrook	IL
26/13	Kathryn Glenn	New Lenox	IL

classifieds

22/115 For sale by owner. Lot has electricity, water, and septic drain. \$7,500 or better offer, please contact Sergio at 773-592-5273. (4)

section representatives & alternates

SECTION	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Section 1	Jim McGrady 1/103	Marty Behan 1/72
Section 2	Pat Sirbas 2/279	Jane Elliott 2/216
Section 3	Maria Dellegrazio 3/68	Judy Gonzalez 3/91
Section 4	Marian Schuetz 4/69	Gregg Swanstrom 4/183
Section 5	Harry Koeppel 5/46-47	Marcia Kosowski 5/229
Section 6	Michael Flanigan 6/6	Pat Winters 6/143
Section 7	Karen Larson 7/194	Lee Patterson 7/6
Section 8	Linda Smith 8/31	Mary Muir 8/30
Section 9	Jack Meyers 9/88-89	
Section 10	Bob Palatine 10/284	Tony Lona 10/219
Section 11	Dawn Anama 11/202	Kelli Fox 11/236
Section 12	Heather Hansen 12/48	
Section 13		
Section 14	John Thanos 14/64	Tony Dorsch 14/54
Section 15	Nancy Jackson 15/104	Elaine Ayers 15/61
Section 16	Ernest Mitchell 16/79-80	Richard Ziegenfuss 16/133-4
Section 17	Jose Navarro 17/143	
Section 18	Rosemary Colness 18/18	Joanne Lencki 18/95
Section 19		Karmi Temple 19/26
Section 20	Diane Connelly 20/32	
Section 21	Todd Moffett 21/86&174	
Section 22	Kathy Brush 22/153	
Section 23	Marilyn Kriss 23/47	Rita Olsen 23/48
Section 24	Laurie Picha 24/9	Marisa Chavez 24/77
Section 25	Diana Strong 25/25	
Section 26	Ed Reedy 26/135	Angel Flores 26/119
Section 27	Christopher Cordero 27/72	Charlene Hill 27/114
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Sec/Lot	Violation
1/55	Extension cord plugged in; NEMA3 on ground; benches by lake
1/79	Material used on RV tip-out unacceptable; flex line not connected
2/199	Damaged skirting around RV; shed door missing trim
3/215	Two exposed wires on post
4/21	RV awning on tip-out roof; lights in trees
5/81	Building materials – blocks, lumber, timbers, pallets
5/299	No permit for sink; sink not connected to sewer
5/460	Conduit separating/exposed wire; broken bushing; ext cord plug
6/103	Electric run direct to RV; misc items stored under RV
7/8	Tape on patio door; open between shed doors
7/9	Patio over 9/10 line; rotten wood on shed
7/32	RV less than 7' from side; damaged canvas on RV
7/154	Rotten wood on shed; unacceptable material on RV roof
10/11	Deck less than 7' from side; tape on RV cord; no permit
10/119	Hole in shed roof; rotten wood on shed; RV/room infested
11/15	Room less than 7' from 15/14 line; no survey for variance
13/88	Building materials – LP tank, blocks, lumber; damaged chair/table
14/81	RV permit expired; RV less than 7' from side
15/16	Building materials – 4x4 posts, blocks
15/30	No permit for RV; RV less than 7' from side; hole in NEMA3
15/105	RV permit not complete – needs title/bill of sale; canvas damage
15/124	Holes in shed roof; unacceptable repair to RV seam; RV cord
16/87	Tape on RV compartment door; flex line not connected
16/96	No cap on sewer inlet; bldg. materials – blocks
17/97	Unacceptable repair of RV roof; holes in deck; shed rotten wood
18/39	RV cord buried; hole in room siding; RV skirting damaged
21/142	Metal plate on side of RV unacceptable
22/130	Exposed wire at NEMA3; open in face plate; skirting damaged
23/5	No permit to replace railing; spindles exceed 4" space; shed roof
23/28	Damaged shingles on shed; open above shed door
23/129	Holes in RV roof/interior damage; room fascia damaged
24/108	Stick securing RV service door; appliances on deck
26/70	Electric run directly to RV; holes in side of RV
26/74	RV compartment door not secure; skirting material unacceptable
26/118	Floor seam of RV open
27/4	No permit for RV; NEMA3 not set; no cap on sewer; rotten wood
27/59	Shed roof and window damaged; RV window open/interior
28/47	No permit for storage locker
28/84	Two cracked windows on room; rotten wood on skirting
28/100	Shingles missing from RV and shed; RV window open
29/16	Roof and walls of vinyl shed not secure; bldg. materials
29/96	No face plate in meter box
29/166	Exposed wood on shed; patch not caulked
29/253	Damaged shingles on shed; rotten wood on shed; culvert blocked
29/254	Hole in side of shed; inappropriate storage of RV awning
29/270	PVC sewer line not connected; exposed wire at NEMA3
29/297	Open between shed doors; building materials – blocks
29/325	RV less than 15' from front; RV plate expired; no gasket at flex
29/382	Shed permit expired; exposed wood on soffit; bldg. materials
29/392	Patio less than 5' from side

public safety citations - february

Sec/Lot	Owner/Guest	Offense
2/93	Owner	Pass Misuse
2/93	Guest	Failure to Comply with a Public Safety Officers request

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resource news



jerry corcoran | resource manager

As I am putting together my articles here at the end of February for the April *Woodhaven News*, it appears that “spring has sprung.” Things were thawing rather quickly late last week and temperatures this week are forecasted to be in the upper 40s! A much welcome relief from the deep freeze we had been in for most of February. I am sure everyone is anxious to get outdoors.

Those that will be coming out over the next few weeks may notice the dredge equipment that is staged in the Bait Shop parking lot. This will be temporary as we wait for the ice and snow to melt off so that the dredge contractor can begin assembling pipeline and other necessary aspects of the project. Remember from past news articles that the lakes scheduled to be dredged are Pine, Hidden and Bluegill Lakes. Be aware that during the project there will be areas on the roads where the pipeline will be crossing so use caution while traveling property. The plan is for the majority of the project to be completed prior to Memorial Day Weekend.

A heads up that those planning to participate in fishing through the season are required to have in possession an Illinois State fishing license. The State has implemented the new Explore More Illinois licensing system throughout the state. The system is up and running in the bait shop to allow Property Owners and guests to purchase a license. As in the past, those coming in for licenses that have not had a license in the past will need to provide their social security number. Those that have purchased licenses in the past should keep their ‘old’ license as the customer ID number on that license will help speed up the process. Licenses can be purchased at the bait shop on property. See my later article for additional information related to pricing and other specifics.

I look forward to seeing everyone through the season as we celebrate 50 years of camping!

LANDSCAPE WASTE PICKUP BEGINS IN APRIL!

With spring upon us, it is the time when most lot owners make their first treks out to Woodhaven after what has seemed to be a looong winter in order to prepare for the upcoming camping season. For most, the first order of business is to rake the lot of accumulated debris. This article is intended to remind lot owners of pickup procedures associated with landscape waste disposal.

The Association provides landscape waste pickup service to its members. This service consists of lot-to-lot loose-leaf vacuum, brush, and bag pickup. Each of these has a designated time period through the season. A schedule is included with this article for your reference.

The season begins April 15 with loose-leaf and brush pickup. Loose-leaf pickup is conducted Monday-Friday during the time period of April 15-May 31 and again in the fall November 1-30. Be sure leaves and other leafy materials are piled along the roadside at the front of your lot preferably, in a row no wider than 8 feet. Refrain from incorporating sticks, dirt, rocks, and litter into the leaves to be picked up by the vacuum. These materials create problems for the vacuum that leads to downtime. Please do not block or restrict the roadway in any manner when placing material along the road to be picked up.

Landscape waste pickup requires that one sign up for the service each time there is waste to be picked up at the lot. This can be accomplished at one of the following locations: Woody’s True Value, Administration Office, General Store, and the Main Gate, as well as the app. Each week, signup lists are retrieved from the above locations, compiled, and given to staff conducting the landscape waste pickup.

Brush pickup will be conducted once a week from April 15 to November 30. The same procedure is followed as with leaves. Stack brush at the front of your lot parallel to the road with the cut ends all facing the same way. Brush pickup is normally conducted on Wednesdays unless circumstances prevent. This service also requires one to sign up at one of the designated locations mentioned above.

Do not put sticks, dirt, rocks, metal objects and litter in your leaf piles.

Finally, there is paper bag pick up. Plastic garbage bags will not be picked up. Bag pickup follows the loose leaf pick-up season and runs from June 1 to October 31, which is the time period between vacuum pickup. This service is for leafy material and grass clippings generated during the summer period. When filling paper bags, do not over fill! Bags must be of a weight that one person can pick up and place into the back of a truck. Do not put rocks or trash in the bags to

be picked up. Fire pit ashes can be bagged but be sure they are **cold** with all litter removed before bagging. Paper bags can be purchased at the True Value store. This service also requires that you sign up to have your paper bags picked up.

Paper bags and leaves picked up at lots are taken to the compost pile behind the True Value store. Here the material is allowed to compost or break down into rich soil. The finished compost is hauled out to section 25 at the “woodchip pile” for Property Owner use. There is a limited supply so compost may not be available at certain times.

ANNUAL FISHING LICENSE RENEWAL

Remember to renew your Illinois fishing license prior to embarking on that first trip out to the lake, pond, or river beginning April 1, 2021. Your fishing license purchased in 2020 expires on March 31, 2021. An Illinois fishing license is required by all owners and guests that fish Woodhaven Lakes. Owners please inform your guests of this State law and Woodhaven rule. Any anglers that plan to catch and keep trout will also be required

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Bullhead	No Limits
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Grass Carp	RETURN TO LAKE!

*Notes:
- A minimum length limit indicates that fish taken and not returned to the lake are required to be equal to or larger than the stated length. All fish less than the stated length shall be returned to the water being fished.
- A daily limit will pertain to the lake being fished. Anglers will not be allowed to have in possession more than the state limit on any given lake.

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to renew their Inland Trout Stamp beginning April 1, 2021. Trout were stocked last fall in Pine, Hidden, and Bluegill lakes. There will be trout remaining to be caught plus your Inland Trout Stamp will be valid for the fall 2021 trout fishing season.



Why is a license required at Woodhaven when this is a private campground? Though Woodhaven is a private campground, it is a lake association. In Illinois, lake associations are not exempt from the need to have a current fishing license in possession while fishing the lakes on property. The exception to this is the period set aside by the State as FREE FISHING DAYS to be held June 18 to June 21, 2021. During “Free Fishing Days” only, anglers will not be required to have any type of sport fishing license.

Persons not required to have a fishing license are those under 16 years of age and persons legally blind or disabled. Disabled persons residing in Illinois must be able to show proof of disability with an I.D. card available through the Secretary of State driver’s license facilities. The card must show a Class 2 or Class 2A disability. A Veteran’s disability card is also valid identification for persons that are not required to have in possession a State of Illinois fishing license. Persons on active duty in the Armed Forces are considered residents. A person on active duty in the Armed Forces, who entered the service from Illinois and is an Illinois resident, may fish without a license while on leave.

**** Half-priced sport fishing and sportsman’s licenses will be available to resident veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States. Veterans must contact the Springfield office at 217-782-6302, to obtain a half-priced license. Following are the costs for the different categories of fishing licenses taken from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources 2020 Fishing Information Digest:**

- Resident sport fishing; annual. \$15.00
 - » Veterans (prior certification required)\$7.75
- Resident sport fishing;
 - » 65 years old and over\$7.75
 - » 75 years old and over\$1.50
- Resident and non-resident sport fishing;
 - » under 16 years of ageNONE NEEDED
- Resident sport fishing;
 - » disabled, blindNONE NEEDED
- Resident sport fishing 24-hour license\$5.50
 - » (does not include salmon or trout fishing privileges)
- Sportsman’s License \$26.25
 - » (combined hunting and fishing licenses)
- Senior Sportsman’s License;
 - » 65 years through 74 years \$13.50
 - » 75 years and over. \$2.50
- Non-resident sport fishing 24-hour license \$10.50
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- Non-resident sport fishing (3 days)..... \$15.50

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- Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp;
 - » Licensed anglers only.\$6.50
 - » Residents 75 years and over \$0.50
- Inland Trout Stamp (all waters except Lake Michigan);
 - » Licensed anglers only.....\$6.50
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- Resident lifetime sport fishing \$435.00
- Resident lifetime combined (hunting and fishing) \$765.00

LOST, STOLEN, DESTROYED LICENSE REPLACEMENT:

1. Licenses purchased via the Internet can be reprinted at no charge by visiting www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR. Vendor transactions will incur a fee.
2. Replacement licenses, permits and stamps are available for \$3 from Regional offices (except Region 2), the Chicago office and the Springfield Public Service area (see inside front cover map).
3. Vendors can issue replacement licenses with a DNR Direct terminal. There is a \$3 replacement fee per item plus a transaction fee.

DISABLED OR BLIND PERSONS:

In order for disabled or blind persons who are Illinois residents to fish without a license, the person must be able to show proof of disability in the form of one of the following:

1. A State disabled person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the driver’s license examining station) showing a Class 2 or Class 2A disability. This applies to Illinois residents only.
2. Veterans disability card - (available from the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs Office) Veterans who are at least 10% disabled with service-related disabilities or in receipt of total disability pensions may fish with sport fishing devices during those periods of the year it is lawful to do so without being required to have a license, on the condition that their respective disabilities do not prevent them from fishing in a manner which is safe to themselves and others. This applies to both Illinois residents and non-residents.

INTERNET LICENSE PURCHASES:

To purchase fishing and hunting licenses and stamps over the Internet, please visit the Department’s Home Page at: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov>

Watercraft renewals may also be done at this site.

Licenses can be purchased on property at the Woodhaven Bait Shop (located at the West end of Nature Center) or off property at Amboy Sporting Goods located on Main Street in Amboy as well as ACE Hardware in Mendota, IL.

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATIONS

Any watercraft powered by a motor (electric or gas) or sail are required to be registered with the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This includes watercraft using electric trolling motors. Registration forms may be acquired from any boat dealer, Department of Natural Resources office or online at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website list-

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Owners of boats stored or used on Woodhaven property including: deck boats and sailboats must display a current registration sticker on their watercraft, if required, as well as the section and lot number on the outside. Pontoon/deck boats used upon the lakes are not allowed to exceed 16 feet total length as measured on the pontoon deck or stated on the watercraft title.

It is very important to put your section and lot number on the outside of all watercraft.

WOODHAVEN BAIT & TACKLE SHOP

The bait shop will be open for business beginning the weekend of April 3. Since this opening weekend is Easter, the shop will be open only on Saturday, April 3, 7 am-4 pm. We will have weekend hours only during the months of April and May up to Memorial Day weekend.

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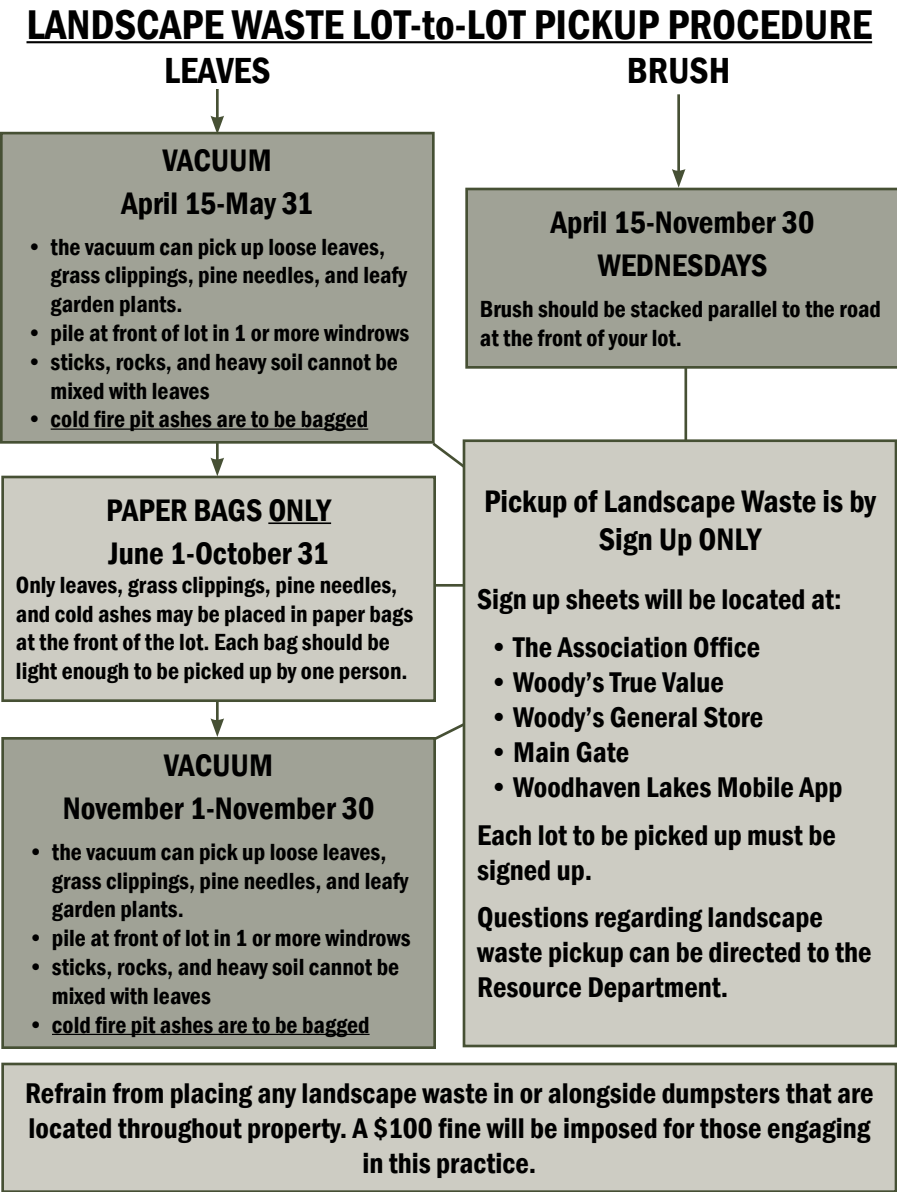
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The Function of the ESAC Department

We frequently see Property Owners posting questions on social media to which the response is, “call ESAC.” While we are happy to answer your questions, perhaps clarifying our function will help direct your calls and questions more accurately.

The ESAC Office has three basic functions: construction permits, lot inspections and maintaining contractor and vendor lists.

Construction permits need to be obtained whenever placing, building or altering any improvements on your property. When a permit is obtained, an ESAC Inspector will make periodic inspections of the property to make sure the improvement meets the guidelines established in the Rules and Regulations. During the height of the season, there can be 700+ open permits that need to be continuously monitored. Should you have any questions about any construction guidelines, if an improvement is allowed or if an improvement requires a permit, we are here to assist you in obtaining the accurate information.

Lot inspections are primarily done as a result of a pinning request, permit inspection or violation follow-up. Follow up inspections are done on a 30-45 day rotation. We request that violations be corrected within 30 days of the date of notification however should you receive a violation notification that you are unable to correct within that timeframe, simply call our office to discuss your plans for compliance. We are happy to allow additional time if needed.

Contractors and vendors are required to register with the Association. The ESAC Office is charged with registering contractors and vendors, maintaining the contractor and vendor lists and verifying contractors carry current liability insurance. While contractors and vendors are registered with the Association, they are not “approved” or “recommended” by the Association or the ESAC Office. They have simply paid a fee and provided adequate insurance. It is always recommended that the Property Owner obtain a written contract prior to any work being done or payment being made. If you should have issues with any contractor, we recommend completing a Speak-Up Sheet which will be placed in the contractor’s file. Any contractor that receives three Speak-Up Sheets within a calendar year will automatically have their privileges reviewed by the ESAC Board of Review and Board of Directors. Property Owners can also call the ESAC Office to inquire if a contractor has received any written complaints (Speak-Up Sheets).

One of the most common misconceptions is that ESAC handles issues with trees, vegetation or common areas. While tree removal permits can be obtained in our office, the approval or denial of the permit is handled by our Resource Department. The Resource Department would also be able to address your concerns regarding oak wilt trees or maintenance and trees or vegetation in the common areas. Because it is a small department and their job duties require them to be on property for most of the day, the ESAC Office assists by helping Property Owners fill out tree removal permits and answering phone calls if possible. If a question is beyond our knowledge, we will forward the Property Owner to the Resource Supervisor for further assistance. Catching someone in the office can be difficult, however they will return your call as soon as they are able.

The ESAC Office also frequently receives calls regarding water hydrants, specifically leaking water hydrants. Issues with the water and sewer service are handled by our Utilities Department. Much like calls regarding trees, our office will attempt to assist the Property Owner to be best of our ability however some questions may need to be forwarded to the Utilities Supervisor.

And finally, questions regarding assessments, the number of your over-nights stays or guest lots would need to be addressed by the Administration Office. The Administration Office would have the most accurate information regarding these types of questions.

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Alyssa Rod, Nature Center Coordinator

"April showers bring May flowers!" How many of us remember learning this phrase when we were children? We believed that the rains would help the flowers grow and this phrase helped to get us through some of the cloudy, rainy days; there is truth to the phrase but where does it come from? Historians believe that the phrase comes from a poem which contains the lines "Sweet April showers, do spring May flowers." The quote comes from Thomas Tusser in a collection of writings he published in 1557 called "A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry." The quote was in the April Husbandry section. A longer phrase, "March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers," has been traced back to 1886. During these times, especially in the United Kingdom where Tusser was from, it was common for April to be a rainy month. Around our area, I believe the adage is true as typically a majority of our spring woodland flowers start to really bloom in late April and early May. Of course temperature and amount of daylight also play a large role in when flowers bloom as well. So, let's hope for rain this month and warmth so that the May flowers will bloom beautifully this spring!

Spring Fling at the Nature Center

Join us at the Nature Center to see what nature brings in spring! Need help identifying spring woodland wildflowers; check out our Spring Wildflower display as many of these flowers will be blooming around this time. Interested in adding a tree to your lot? Pick one up at the Tree Give-away. Collect your take-home craft flower rings and spend time with your family creating your own.

TREE GIVE-AWAY

Saturday, April 24 / 1:00 p.m. till Gone / Nature Center Screen Porch

Stop by the Nature Center Screen Porch for our Annual Tree Give Away. We will be giving away bare root trees to reforest your lot.

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Pop by the Nature Center to pick up a Flower Ring craft to create your own special spring flower ring that blooms on your finger! Spring is blooming so why not you!

New in Nature

Phenology is the study of the timing of biological phenomena in nature! To learn more about phenology, revisit this article in the March *Woodhaven News*. You and your family can track phenology in your own backyard by starting a nature journal. Keep track of what you see and when, or write your observations in a calendar.

Keep your eyes open in April for continuing ducks and geese migrating through Illinois and some staying and starting to nest. Watch for shorebirds like dunlin and least sandpipers to start coming back through on their way to Canada to raise their young. While a few robins stay year round in our area, expect to see large numbers of them in April before they continue to spread out around our area and further north all across Canada. Many of the Bald Eagles will have left the area to northern climates by now, so the ones that still around are the ones that live year-round in the area and hopefully have hatched chicks or will be soon. Listen for the frogs starting to call around lakes and ponds, the first of the season being the spring peepers and northern chorus frogs. The first flowers of spring should be appearing including the skunk cabbage (picture shows the flower before leaves show up) in early April and spring wildflowers especially by mid- to late-April.

During the month of February we saw Bald Eagles continuing in large groups on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers and the local ones working on their nests by adding extra branches. In early February we experienced a colder than normal temperature shift due to the jet stream moving further south. This arctic blast brought high temperatures from -1 to 15°F and lows from -13 to 0°F, when adding the wind chill making the temps closer to -35°F in some locations. During this cold blast, the region also saw the snowiest three weeks since January 1979 and a complete whiteout on February 4th with snow blowing and winds up to 52 MPH in the area. Near the end of the month, large flocks of the blackbird family started to make their way back to the region. While a few stick around all year, we started to see 1000s of red-winged blackbird, common grackle, and brown-headed cowbirds. These birds are singing their spring songs.



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11/59 \$5,100

SECTION 14

14/97\$32,000

SECTION 16

16/110-111 ..\$32,500

SECTION 17

17/76\$13,000
17/104..... \$8,500
17/247.....\$38,000
17/268.....\$22,900

SECTION 21

21/98\$20,000
21/268.....\$39,900

SECTION 23

23/44\$66,900
23/102.....\$36,000

SECTION 26

26/183.....\$80,000
26/206.....\$11,000

SECTION 27

27/94\$39,900

SECTION 29

29/178.....\$32,000
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