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**2nd Assessment
Due Date:
June 30, 2020**



president's letter

Christine Moffett | President, Board of Directors

When reminded about the due date for this communication my first thought was "what will be going on by the time they get the paper?" The only thing I could think of was the word that I hear all the time and I personally would like to hear less of and that is "uncertainty."

Un.cer.tain.ty

(noun) The state of being uncertain. "times of uncertainty and danger" Similar nouns: doubt, qualm, misgiving, apprehension, quandry.

We could go on and on about what this means, but the reality is how do we handle it? What will people remember about our actions and behaviors in times of uncertainty? I am hoping our Property Owners recognize that our approach to any and all of our decisions focused on "us". We had a myriad of messages from state and local government. Some clear and some were not. We had to sift through this information, meet with authorities, media, staff, Board Members and review speak up sheets, social media posts and take phone calls almost on a daily basis to make decisions that we felt were the best for "us." The Board and Management team had to use their best judgement for all of these decisions, and as I mentioned in several

communications, they were made with the intent to provide a safe environment for staff and Property Owners.

Several times we were asked "why?" or "where did you come up with that date?" The answer on many occasions was long because there were so many things to consider - safety, financial implications, staffing, health department guidelines, ability to put protective measures in place, etc., etc. The list is long, and I recognize some Property Owners agreed with our approach and some did not. The communications were ongoing to you as Property Owners and our meetings were transparent and available to all of you through video streaming. I would like to continue the use of streaming our in person meetings when the time comes when we can meet in person so Property Owners can hear first hand the discussions at their convenience.

As a fellow Property Owner and board of director I would like to thank you for your support, your understanding and your faith in our Association during these times of uncertainty. You are what makes Woodhaven great!

Christine Moffett,
Board of Directors President



management report



jeff hickey | executive director
amy ackert | g.m. administrative services
randy koehler | g.m. member services

There are a great number of experts about Woodhaven among both Property Owners and staff—however there is only one Woodhaven Wise Man. Most have never personally met the Woodhaven Wise Man but, Greg Dimmig, Woodhaven’s Director of Maintenance & Resources must know him extremely well because he has been relaying the Wise Man’s words of wisdom, knowledge and expertise through e-mails to Woodhaven staff over the past several years. Topical, as always, The Wise Man’s most recent anecdote offers, “It is much easier to practice social distancing if you are around people you don’t like!”



How true! but, that is also what is going to make social distancing so difficult at Woodhaven moving forward. We understand these social distancing requirements may be especially hard on you because you, as an Owner of Woodhaven, are inherently social. You like to personally interact with friends, family, neighbors and staff around a campfire, at a pool, beach or other recreational activity, because that really is what Woodhaven membership is all about.



Typically, this time of year, we would be acknowledging and sharing in your excitement for the upcoming camping season and highlighting the many great activities, programs and services our staff has enthusiastically developed for you, your family and friends throughout the course of the summer.

As Christine Moffett addresses in her President’s message, one of the many challenges currently is that of uncertainty. We have no clue how long this will last, specifically the social distancing recommendations and requirements. Although Illinois Governor JB Pritzker has announced a five-phase plan to get Illinois reopened, we are currently only in Phase 2 (as of this writing) and have no idea how long it will take to work through each phase of the plan. And, even though by all indications we are poised to move into phase 3 soon, this phase still only allows for outdoor recreation in groups of 10 or fewer, with social distancing.

As uncertain as we are about our recreational programs and services for the remainder of the year and to what level programming we will be allowed to provide safely moving forward, there are several other Association business topics and information that we can provide to you with a level of confidence. While it may be difficult to focus on anything but the COVID-19 Pandemic and how truly upside-down our lives are right now, maybe moving the spotlight to these other orders of business can help us slowly return to some level of normalcy.

2020 Woodhaven Board of Director Election

Affidavits for the 2020 Board of Directors election were due Saturday, May 9. Five Owners have submitted their intent to run for a seat on the Board, of which there are three openings up. Currently, the potential candidates are undergoing file reviews and lot inspections. Candidates will have until June 13 to bring any ESAC violations into compliance through the lot inspection process, to remove their name from consideration or to begin their campaign.

We will be offering the ability to vote electronically this year in conjunction with sending out paper mail-in ballots as well. Ballots are scheduled to be mailed to you in mid-July.

Feral Cat Management Program

Woodhaven always has and always will have a feral cat population. You may typically find them scavenging for food at, around or in the dumpsters located at many of the comfort stations throughout property. It is usually very difficult to get close to these adult cats because, by definition, they are unowned domestic cats that avoid human contact. The biggest threat they pose to humans is if, by chance, one does get close enough to a feral cat and gets bit, which could potentially be carrying rabies. It has happened, although infrequently, in the past.

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Woodhaven has had some form of feral cat management program dating back for at least 20 years. Most recently, this program consisted of contracted licensed wildlife control personnel trapping feral cats on common property and removing them from Woodhaven to be euthanized.

Two Woodhaven Property Owners, Bonnie Lowry and Rhonda White, offered an alternative solution to dealing with feral cats on property. This new program, which was presented to and accepted by the Board of Directors at their April meeting, consists of trapping, spaying, vaccinating, and re-releasing the cats back into Woodhaven. Feral cats are very territorial, and by re-releasing them, the current population can be much more effectively controlled and monitored while they keep other feral cats from moving in. The program allows both Bonnie and Rhonda to work as volunteer liaisons under the umbrella of Happy Tails Human Society in Rock Falls as primary and principal caretakers of the Trap/Neuter/Release Feral Cat Management Program. Cats that have been reintroduced into Woodhaven through this program will have an ear tipped to show proof it has been spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies. The average lifespan of an outdoor feral cat is three years or less, so this program will need constant work and attention to be effective, but we are hopeful it will have a positive effect on our feral cat population and allow them to co-exist safely with you and your family while at Woodhaven.

Woodhaven's Website, Mobile App & Social Media Platforms

As this uncertainty lingers throughout the season, the best way for you to stay up-to-date with Woodhaven happenings is through our website, mobile app and social media sites. There is an online event and facility hours calendar on both our website and mobile app. For breaking news and information, our Facebook Page and notifications area on the mobile app are your best bet. If you are interested in the business-side of Woodhaven, we have been streaming the Board of Director's meetings live on our YouTube Channel via the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform for the past two months as we practice social distancing requirements. We strongly encourage you to check all these information sources out.

Woodhaven Website: www.woodhavenlakes.com



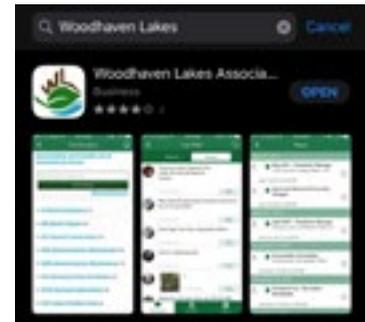
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board action report

The following actions were taken or reported by the Board of Directors at their April 14, 2020 Meeting. *Full meeting minutes will be posted to the Members tab on our website after approval at the April 27 meeting.*

1. Motion was made to approve the March 10, 2020 – Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion was made to approve the March 10, 2020 – Board of Directors' Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made to uphold the ESAC Board of Review's Recommendations as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion was made to approve the 2020/2021 Budget based on the fact we may need to amend the budget in the future. Motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 nay.
5. Motion was made to approve the 2020/2021 Liability and Worker's Comp Insurance. Motion passed unanimously.

The following actions were taken or reported by the Board of Directors at their April 27, 2020 Meeting. *Full meeting minutes will be posted to the Members tab on our website after approval at the May meeting.*

1. Motion was made to approve the April 14, 2020 – Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion was made to approve the April 23, 2020 – Board of Directors' Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made to add the Resolution for COVID 19 under F. New Business, item 4. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion was made to approve the formal ratification of the Corporate Authorization on the PPP Loan for Woodhaven Association. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made to approve the formal ratification of the Corporate Authorization on the PPP Loan for Woody, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion was made to approve the formal ratification of the Corporate Authorization on the PPP Loan for Woodhaven Lakes Realty. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion was made to approve the proposal from Election Trust for the 2020 Election Services for a cost of \$8,656.40. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion was made to approve the Feral Cat Program proposal with a limit of 50 cats per year. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Motion was made to allow staff to work with the guidelines presented by the Board of Directors for the 2020 Season Plan. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Motion was made to approve the Resolution for COVID 19. 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.*

June

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.

Our Woodhaven Branch is now open with Summer Hours

With our Woodhaven Branch now open we would like make you aware of the following requirements:

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Thank you for your time and thank you for your service to our country!

Woodhaven's Honor Roll of Veterans

Name: _____

Section: _____ Lot: _____

Branch of Military: _____

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Additional Information: _____

2020 Election Schedule

Wednesday	April 1	Affidavits available online & Association Office <i>(affidavits will not be accepted until April 1st)</i>
Saturday	May 9	Affidavit deadline, 4:30 Association Office Autobiographies due, 4:30 Association Office Position Statement due, 4:30 Association Office
Saturday	June 13	Election Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. Assc. Office Deadline for Candidate removal from Ballot Deadline for free ad in August Woodhaven News Deadline for submitting answers to candidate questions
Saturday	July 11	Candidates' Forum, 1 p.m. - Rec Plex
Mon-Wed	July 13-15	Ballots shall be mailed between these dates
Friday	Aug. 21	Ballots postmarked and received by Pioneer State Bank Sublette
Saturday	Aug. 22	Count Ballots
Sunday	Aug. 23	Annual Meeting August Board Meeting - Seat New Board



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The County Treasurer asked that anyone not receiving a bill please contact the Treasurer's Office (815) 288-4477. Failure to receive a bill does **NOT** exempt liability for payment. This is the only bill taxpayers will receive.

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3. By mail to the Lee Co. Treasurer, PO Box 328, Dixon, IL 61021. Please include the stubs with the payment.
4. Payment at any bank in Amboy, Ashton, Dixon, Franklin Grove, Paw Paw, Sublette, and West Brooklyn. Please bring the entire tax bill to the bank.

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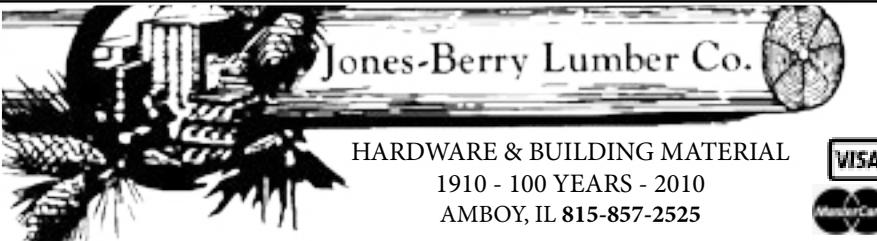
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Into the Wild 2020

For this year's theme, wild takes on a whole new meaning. We know this summer isn't starting out full of activities like usual, but we are still just as excited to explore into the wild this summer! Our Woodhaven spirit is still strong and we can't wait to spend the summer with you no matter how it looks!

Facebook Group

Welcome to the wild side as we launch into summer. We are very eager to get back to normal, but until then we will be bring you the recreation activities you love to the comfort of your home. Keep checking the Woodhaven Lakes Facebook page for updates on our new group! We will be posting crafts, activities, and more in this group! As soon as we're live, we'll let you know!

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welcome new property owners - march/april

"Welcome" new Woodhaven Property Owners and families. Please stop at the Association Office and pick up your new Membership packet.

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2/104	Gloria Gonzalez	Wilmington	IL
2/298	John Worrick	Peoria	IL
3/209	Judith Luna & Georgette Legac	Fort Mill	SC
4/10	Pauline & Donald Neal	Momence	IL
4/195	Jared Griffin	St Charles	IL
6/8	Artice Browley	Bolingbrook	IL
6/46	Neomi Fleming & Jorge Lopez	Joliet	IL
6/74	Thomas Trierweiler	Elgin	IL
7/52-53	Gerardo Lechuga	Bridgeview	IL
7/191	Duke & Wendy Winkler	Antioch	IL
8/54	Michelle & Robert Thompson	Leesburg	GA
10/183	Richard & Minerva Huy	Chicago	IL
10/197	Anthony & Jennifer Lazaroski	Montgomery	IL
10/228	Roy & Patricia Rusthoven	Tinley Park	IL
11/63	Verardo Velarde	Lansing	IL
11/95	Michael & Susan Mikrut	Franklin Park	IL
12/61	Daniel Castillo	Lynwood	IL
13/105-6	David Cardona & Miguel Miranda	Berwyn	IL
13/129	Daniel & Lynn Trujillo	Chicago	IL
14/18	Edward Dunham & James Dunham	Lombard	IL
16/15	Doug & Lori Erbes, Bryce Erbes	Sublette	IL
16/96	Olena Benyuk	Roselle	IL
16/103	Matthew & Debra Flavin	Sycamore	IL
19/81	Christopher & Lynette Sartori	Shorewood	IL
20/74	Lisa Vallee	Joliet	IL
21/54	Erin Schreiner	Belvidere	IL
21/95	Ronald & Carla Schrader	Sterling	IL
21/247	Rick & Carla Pasarella	Lombard	IL
23/8	Michael & Lisa Cinnamon	Streator	IL
23/61	Francisco Gonzalez	Alsip	IL
24/235	Christabel & Rolando Bonilla	Chicago	IL
26/227	Edward Rice	Melrose Park	IL
28/2-3	Ronald & Gail Herff	Wood Dale	IL

section representatives & alternates

SECTION	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Section 1	Jim McGrady 1/103	Michael Mika 1/100
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
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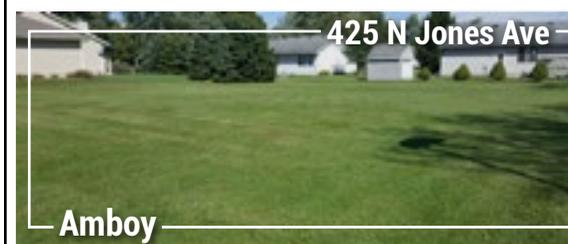
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White Tailed Deer

The white-tailed deer is a beautiful animal for owners and guests to view here on property. These animals are doing very well throughout the State. Woodhaven has become, in essence, a “sanctuary” for the animals throughout the year. It is not uncommon in any season for those driving the roads on property to see large

groups of deer.



“Herd” of deer along Greenbriar on March 6, 2020. Note also 2 Canada geese in the picture. Groups of deer such as this are common sightings throughout property on a regular basis.

Currently, the white-tailed deer population is abundant throughout the State of Illinois and US. In stark contrast in 1912, the deer population of Illinois was deemed “extinct.” Up to the late 1800s, deer populations throughout Illinois had been heavily hunted as there were no laws in place to protect them as well as other game. Along with the unregulated hunting pressure there was extensive disruption of the landscape due to intensive farming practices, draining of wetlands and clearing of woodlands. Here is an excerpt from the website, “White-tailed Deer Illinois”:

“1901

Illinois imposed a “temporary” moratorium on deer hunting to last five years so the populations could recover and increase. Rather than increase, however, the population continued to decline throughout the state. For all practical purposes, the white-tailed deer disappeared from Illinois. The “temporary” closure lasted 56 years.” (<https://deer.wildlifeillinois.org/management/history-of-management/>)

We have had an abundance of deer in the State as far back as most of us can remember. What led to the successful recovery of the deer population from the point of extinction in Illinois? Following is a brief history of the management steps that brought the white-tail deer back to abundance.

The first wildlife refuge was established at Horseshoe Lake in Alexander County in 1927 by the newly formed Illinois Department of Conservation. The first reported release of deer, one buck and three does, took place at this refuge in 1933. Shortly after, in 1935, three does and two bucks were obtained from the Michigan Department of Conservation and released into the Shawnee National Forest in Pope County by the U.S. Forest Service. Through live capture and releases into new areas that occurred throughout the State in the 1930s, the deer population began to recover. This was in conjunction with other conservation laws and acts to help establish funding for the newly formed Department of Conservation. Most notable was the establishment of the requirement for hunters to purchase a license.

The sales of hunting licenses helped fund the continued efforts to re-establish the deer population in the State of Illinois. Revenue from license sales allowed game wardens to be enlisted for the enforcement of game laws. These game laws established set seasons and quotas on the number of animals that could be taken legally.

Deer populations continued to increase, and by 1947, Conservation officers reported deer had been observed in 45 of Illinois’ 102 counties. The State ranked 46th out of the 50 states in the number of white-tailed deer with a total of 365 animals. By 1950, the State deer population was estimated to be 3,100. The numbers of deer were still “low” but increasing.

The first Illinois deer hunting season began in 1957, October 1 - 15 with 2,617 bow and arrow hunting permits issued. Two hundred twenty (220) deer were harvested in that first season. In the 1960s, the statewide deer population was estimated to be 19,195. By 1991, the deer harvest for all seasons exceeded 100,000 for the first time. The deer herd continued to increase statewide even with expanded hunting seasons through the 2000s.

The deer population statewide in the late 1990s and 2000s became over-abundant as deer vehicle accidents increased dramatically during this period. To manage the increasing numbers, hunting was expanded along with deer quotas. The purpose was to reduce the numbers of deer-vehicle accidents. In addition, disease began to appear in the deer herds creating concerns for the overall health of the animals. High populations are conducive to an increase in disease transmission.

In 2002 the first occurrence of the disease, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), was discovered in Boone County, Illinois. This county is located in the northern part of the state. Chronic Wasting disease infects animals in the cervidae family. The cervids includes white-tailed deer, elk, and moose.

Chronic Wasting Disease is a very serious condition in the white-tail deer population within the state of Illinois. Deer that have the disease eventually succumb to it. The disease is spread through direct contact with infect-

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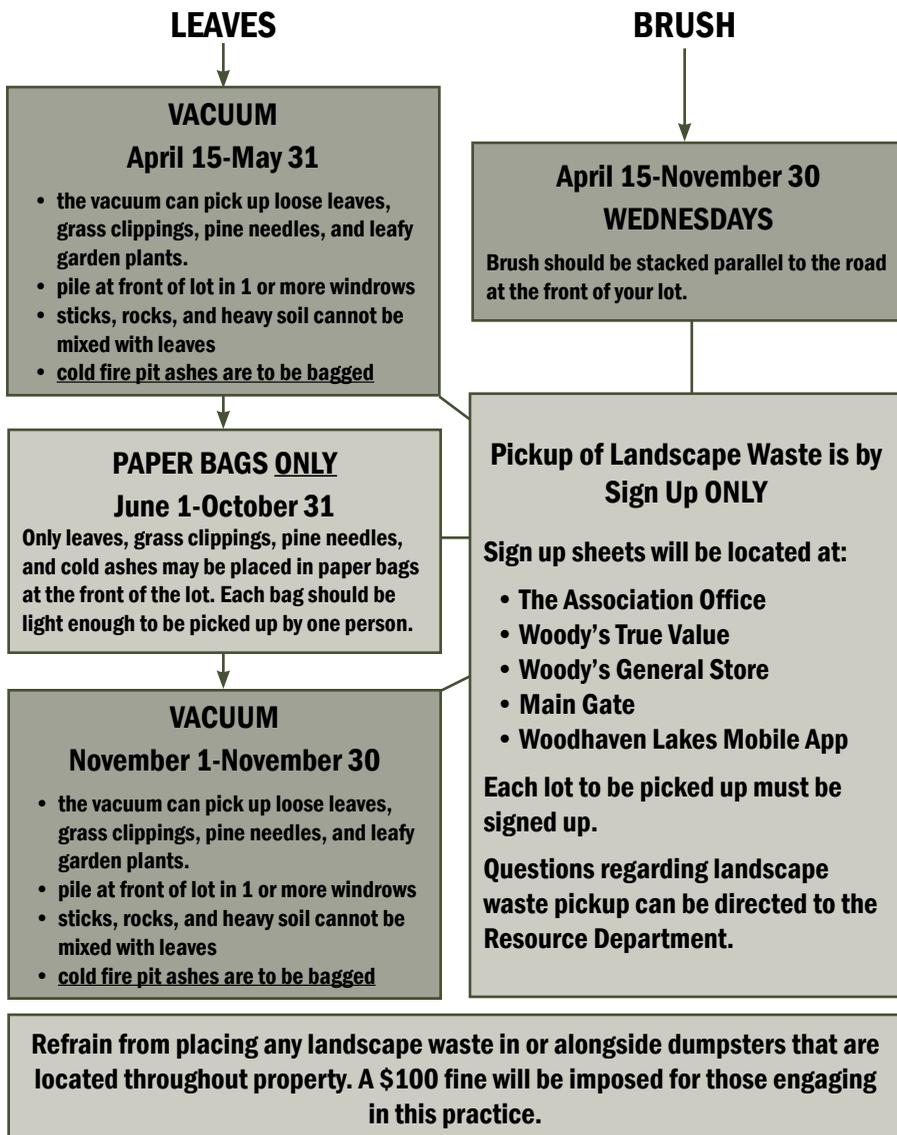
ed individuals or by feeding in areas used by an infected animal. To learn more about this disease in Illinois, please read the article in this paper titled, "Zombie Deer in Illinois: Fact vs Fiction" by Shannon Callahan (page18).

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- **Vacuum leaf pickup** runs from April 15 through May 31. Rake leaves and other yard debris, excluding sticks, dirt, trash and rocks, to the front of your lot. **Brush pickup** will begin on April 15 and extend through November 30. Stack brush at the front of your lot. Sign up for all landscape waste pickup at the Service Center, Gate, Administration Office, General Store, or on the app.
- **Please do your part by not feeding the GEESE or any of the 'wild' animals that visit our property.** Report any goose nests you find to the Resource Department at extension 305.

- **Fishing licenses expire March 31 of each year.** Remember to renew your fishing license for the 2020 season beginning April 1, 2020. Anyone 16 years of age and older actively participating in angling is required to have in possession a current State of Illinois fishing license while on Woodhaven lakes. **The exception to this will be during the period set aside by the State as FREE FISHING DAYS. This period is set for June 12, 13, 14 & 15 for this season. During this period only, anglers will not be required to have any type of sport fishing license. Anglers will be required to follow all other fishing regulations.**
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- As a reminder, residents of Illinois are not allowed to place feed or salt & mineral blocks out to attract deer. This practice was banned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources a number of years ago due to the outbreak of Chronic Wasting Disease in deer populations in Wisconsin and several Northern Illinois counties. With the continued spread of CWD, it is even more important to refrain from intentionally placing these items out for deer. Any of these found on properties in Woodhaven will be removed!

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Garlic Mustard

While walking in my neighborhood, I spotted a single blooming garlic mustard reaching for the sun in front of a yew hedge. Knowing there can't be just one, upon further investigation, I found a larger patch growing the shade behind the yews. Garlic mustard is a weed that must be controlled now, not later. Garlic mustard is an invasive weed that wreaks havoc in our natural areas choking out native plants. The roots of this plant exude a chemical that inhibits the growth of plants around it. This plant can be found in full sun or full shade. Each plant is capable of producing thousands of seeds. Illinois Wildflowers says, "At the present time, Garlic Mustard is the worst herbaceous invader of deciduous woodlands in Illinois as it has the capacity to crowd out and destroy all of the native wildflowers that bloom during the spring."



Garlic Mustard is a biennial. During the first year of growth, the plant produces a rosette of heart-shaped leaves with coarse, round, irregular teeth on the margins. The following spring, the plants send up a 1-2-foot flowering stalk of small, four-petaled, white flower clusters. It smells intensely of garlic.

Seeds disperse when the seedpods burst at maturity in August. Seeds have a 20-month dormancy period and do not germinate until the second spring after ripening. Some plants produce as many as 8,000 seeds! Rhonda Feree, former Extension horticulture educator states, "The goal of any garlic mustard control program is to prevent seed production until the seed bank is exhausted, usually a two to five-year period. I cannot emphasize the importance of not letting this plant go to seed!"

For forest management, spring and fall burns or spot treatment of glyphosate are recommended by the Illinois Natural History survey. However, for a garden or landscape setting, hand pulling is the best method and can greatly reduce the population. It is important to scout the following years as you may already have a viable seed in the soil.

Kelly Estes states "cutting the stalk as close to the soil surface as possible as flowering begins may also be effective. Larger infestations may require chemical applications (glyphosate). Recommended treatments times are late fall or early spring as this is a non-selective herbicide and most other plants are dormant during this time frame."



For more information, stop by the Illinois CAPS blog for all the latest news on invasive pests in Illinois.

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Zombie Deer in Illinois: Fact vs Fiction

By Shannon Callahan

Myths surrounding chronic wasting disease (CWD) abound among wild-life enthusiasts and in misinformed corners of the internet. If you believe the headlines, these so-called “zombie deer” are poised to take over. This article dispels rumors and gives you the need-to-know facts about what CWD is and how you can help manage it.

To start, CWD is always fatal and affects animals in the cervid family. It is a prion-caused disease, which is different from bacterial, viral and fungal diseases. Prions are a type of abnormal infectious protein, which, once introduced to the body, can cause healthy cellular protein to fold incorrectly and cause neurological damage. There is no immune response because the immune system does not recognize prion proteins as an infectious agent. The lack of response makes it difficult to develop diagnostic tests. Currently most CWD tests sample lymphatic or neurological tissue, such as the lymph nodes or brain stem. Prions accumulate first in this tissue which makes it possible for trained diagnostic specialists to look at slides under the microscope and diagnose the animal as “positive” or “not detected.” Deer with CWD can shed the prions in feces, saliva, urine and blood. Shedding of prions is greater in advanced stages of the disease. Other susceptible animals that interact with the affected individual then pick up the prions. Deer can also become infected through the environment in places like bait piles or watering holes where both infected and healthy animals are interacting and exchanging fluids. Prions accumulate and persist in the soil for long periods of time; infected deer can eat (and drool) at a bait pile, and many months later, a healthy deer can pick up the prion that leads to disease.

Herd animals, such as deer and other cervids, live and feed close to one another, which is why this disease can be more widespread in captive herds than in the wild free-ranging population. Proper management of the wild Illinois deer herd in CWD infected areas is a must. It is imperative to decrease the potential for animal to animal interactions by reducing deer densities in infected areas to reduce the spread of CWD—which has negative impacts on the health of the herd.

CWD is of concern to humans because other prion diseases in animals, such as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease), have crossed the species barrier to infect humans. Currently, there are no documented cases of this happening with CWD but research is ongoing to determine if this is possible. The delay between the initial infection of prion diseases and the manifestation of symptoms further complicates the issue. This means that it may take years or even decades for humans who have acquired prion protein diseases to show symptoms of infection, and they still may not be reliably diagnosed until after death. So, the big question is, can humans get sick from eating an infected animal with CWD? The best answer we have right now is: we do not know. Prion disease researchers all over the world are working on this question, and for now, their best advice is to have deer from CWD positive counties tested, and not to eat meat from CWD positive deer (cdc.gov/prions/cwd/prevention.html).

As of August 2019, there were 277 counties in 24 states in the United States with CWD. In the U.S. there are two main concentrated hotspots—one in the Nebraska/Colorado/Wyoming/Kansas area and the other around the Illinois/Wisconsin border. You can find a full list of CWD positive counties and map at the Center for Disease Control’s website (cdc.gov/prions/cwd/occurrence.html). In Illinois, there are currently 17 counties in which CWD has been detected in free-ranging deer, all of which are in the northern third of the state.

The most valuable management tool the state has is our hunters’ collaboration. Hunters contribute to the identification of infected areas, removal of deer in these areas, and to decreasing the deer population density on a scale and with a disease-management focus that is not otherwise possible with large carnivores alone. During deer hunting season, hunters have the option of providing tissue samples to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to be tested and used in CWD surveillance and monitoring. The tissue samples volunteered by hunters, help IDNR to monitor the disease’s movements in and across counties, identify CWD hotspots, and inform IDNR on where to conduct localized sharpshooting in highly infected areas. To learn more about IDNR’s CWD management program visit dnr.illinois.gov/

programs/CWD/Pages/default.aspx.

For over a decade, protecting the deer herd from CWD has been one of IDNR’s top priorities. Select IDNR biologists go through a rigorous yearly qualification process to participate in CWD management programs and to conduct sharpshooting, which removes deer from small target areas confirmed as CWD positive. I had the opportunity to accompany an IDNR biologist during a 2019 sharpshooting effort. These biologists go to sites on public and private lands (with landowner permission) to decrease the overall deer density, remove infected deer, and collect tissue samples. The goal of this is to monitor and control the disease by the reducing population density in areas known to contain infected deer

Sharpshooting missions are just that, a mission to control CWD, not a hunting trip; this is a scientific and data-driven tool used by trained and qualified professionals to slow the spread of CWD. Illinois is currently the model across the country for CWD management largely because of the success of our program. The prevalence (number of positive samples among all those tested) of CWD in Illinois remains at or lower than 2 percent. The slow progression of the disease, which has been contained to the northern third of the state for over a decade, is a reflection of IDNR’s success in controlling CWD.

Hunters are important in managing Illinois’ deer herd. Without enough hunters and other predators in the region, there is potential for the population to grow to unsustainable numbers in some areas. Forests with high deer populations lose their understory plants, meaning seedlings are eaten before they grow up to replace dying trees. Loss of the understory not only disturbs beautiful forests but also destroys critical nesting habitat for ground-nesting birds. Wildlife native to Illinois forests depend on a diverse range of habitats to survive. Overgrazing by deer leads to habitat homogenization by eating everything under browse height, leaving behind open woodlands that are unsuitable for many species. Forests also slow down the movement of water during flood events and sequester carbon from the atmosphere, which reduces greenhouse gasses. Additionally, a large deer population leads to more deer-vehicle collisions, which is dangerous for all parties involved. Historically, humans have hunted deer in concert with other predators, including wolves, bobcats, and bears, but today in many areas, the responsibility is ours alone.

You can help by getting involved in, or supporting, ethical hunting. The Illinois Learn to Hunt program offers free workshops and other resources to help people get started (publish.illinois.edu/hunttrapillinois/). In addition, both hunters and non-hunters can purchase hunting licenses that support conservation work.

If you are a landowner in or near CWD positive counties with deer on the property, contact your local IDNR wildlife biologist for options on how to assist in CWD management. Landowners need to be aware of the deer population on their land, especially in and around CWD positive areas. If you are acting as a refuge for deer in CWD positive counties, you are most likely acting as a reservoir for the disease, as well. Lastly, you can read and educate yourself, friends, family and neighbors on CWD from reliable science-based sources such as scientific peer reviewed journals and governmental agencies that conduct wildlife management:

ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=cwd

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/AnimalDiseases/Pages/cwd.aspx>

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Small, Simple Improvements Can Equate to Better Emergency Responsiveness

When a major catastrophic event strikes a community, what most often emerges is a strong sense of teamwork, camaraderie, and compassion amongst community members. Such has definitely been the case at Woodhaven. But what also comes to light are areas in which need improvement so the community is better prepared for future emergency situations.

At Woodhaven, one of the things that became apparent very quickly following the 2015 tornado was a large number of Woodhaven's original individual property addresses, which are the Section and Lot numbers, were deteriorated beyond readability or completely missing. This made it difficult through the initial search and recovery process for emergency responders to quickly and readily identify Sections and Lots.

When Woodhaven was developed back in the early 1970s, individual lot numbers were placed on the electric pedestals in 2-inch orange and black vinyl numbers with adhesive backing. As can be expected through 40 plus years of being subjected to Illinois weather, many are faded, deteriorated or missing altogether.



Original Section Numbers Located on Electric Pedestals

Yes, many Property Owners have beautiful, handcrafted signs indicating the Section and Lot, and those are great. But, when it comes to emergency situations, consistency is the key. Emergency responders need a consistent place to help identify properties and it has been determined the best place for this is where the developer placed the original property numbers—on the electric pedestals.

Woodhaven's Communications Committee is once again asking for each individual Property Owner's help. Please take a few minutes to check the numbers on your pedestal to ensure they are affixed to the pedestal; they are legible (from the road, if possible); and they are the correct identifying numbers. Many pedestals are located in areas on lots where numbers may not be seen from the road; however, it is still important for emergency responders walking the property to know they can still find a Section and Lot on the electric pedestal for easy identification.

If you find your Section and Lot numbers are missing from the electric pedestal or need refreshing, these 2-inch vinyl reflective numbers can be purchased at Woody's True Value and at most hardware or home improvement stores. At Woody's, the 2-inch numbers are .89 cents each and the 3-inch numbers are .99 cents each. Remember, the bigger the better!

One item of note, the developers did not place Section numbers on the pedestals, only Lot numbers. The Communications Committee is asking that Property Owners who refresh or replace missing numbers also include the Section numbers on the pedestals. This is especially important in areas where it can be difficult to determine what Section a responder is in.

For a nominal cost to each Property Owner, replacing the Section and Lot numbers on each property's electric pedestals can go a long way in greatly improving emergency efforts and efficiency in future situations.



Here is the pedestal with the refreshed numbers and the Section identified in the middle. The section numbers are 3-inch vinyl reflective and the lot numbers are 2-inch vinyl reflective. These were purchased at Woody's True Value Hardware Store.

To encourage Property Owners to refresh their Section & Lot numbers on the electric pedestals, the Communications Committee is offering a prize raffle give-a-way to all who complete the project. To enter, simply send a photo of the newly refreshed numbers on your meter pedestal to administrator@woodhavenassociation.com or send the photo through messenger on Woodhaven's Official Facebook Page at [Facebook.com/woodhavenlakes](https://www.facebook.com/woodhavenlakes) before October 12, 2020. One grand prize winner will receive a weather radio and 5 runner-ups will win a \$20 Woody, Inc. Gift Certificate. Good luck and get out and refresh those numbers!



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Section 2 Lot 269 | \$34,500



Section 3 Lot 198 | \$15,000



Section 3 Lot 199 | \$45,000



Section 3 Lot 240 | \$9,000



Section 3 Lot 241 | \$6,500



Section 5 Lot 130 | \$30,000



Section 5 Lot 254 | \$37,500



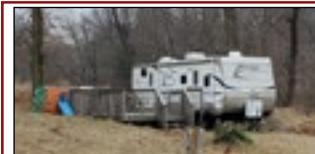
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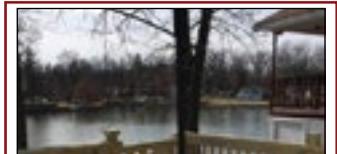
Section 8 Lot 140 | \$25,000



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Section 10 Lot 192 | \$39,900



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Section 12 Lot 24 | \$24,500



Section 13 Lot 88 | \$35,000



Section 13 Lot 118 | \$15,000



Section 14 Lot 61/62 | \$19,900



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Section 16 Lot 124 | \$17,800



Section 16 Lot 144 | \$58,900



Section 16 Lot 209 | \$62,000



Section 17 Lot 167 | \$34,900



Section 17 Lot 188 | \$18,000



Section 18 Lot 64 | \$19,900



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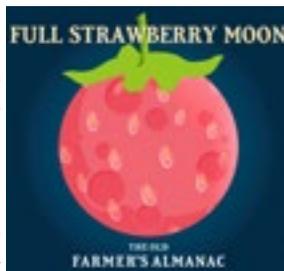
THE naturalist CORNER

Alyssa Rod, Nature Center Coordinator

Summer is almost here! Saturday, June 20th will mark the start of summer for the Northern Hemisphere, also known as the longest day of the year: 15 hours, 12 minutes, and 7 seconds of daylight! If you want to celebrate on the exact minute, start the party at 4:55 p.m. CDT. This is when the Earth reaches the point in its orbit where the North Pole is at maximum tilt toward the Sun for the longest period of sunlight in a day. Of course, this is astronomically speaking. If we listen to the weather forecasters, June 1st is the first day of summer, making summer from June 1-August 31.

Join the Nature Center through our website presence! There you will find nature videos, facts, fun, and more! If you have a nature-related question, head to the "Ask a Naturalist" section to ask a question or find out the answers to other nature inquiries. Visit our page through the Woodhaven Website. We'll be there soon!

Moon-Month Names: For years, Native Americans and Europeans have named the months after various seasons in the Northern Hemisphere connected to the Full Moon. June is known as the "Strawberry Moon" because the Algonquin tribes in eastern North America used it as an indicator to gather ripening wild strawberries. There are other names for this month including "Rose Moon" in Europe because of the color of the moon taking a rosy color with its position in the sky; "Hot Moon" and "Honey/Mead Moon" to name a few. The Pink Moon will be at its fullest on June 5, at 2:12 p.m. central time so we won't be able to see it until it rises at 8:37 p.m. central time in the Southeastern skies.



June moons have significant history. On June 2, 1966, the first U.S. moon landing and first U.S. photo from the lunar surface took place with the Surveyor 1 spacecraft. It was called the "first true soft-landing on the Moon" and a complete success. The probe landed in the southwestern region of the Ocean of Storms, where it took panoramic images of the landscape. It transmitted over 11,000 pictures and sent information on the temperature among other details. One of the images was of the Surveyor 1 shadow on the surface of the moon.



Garden Time: June is when you should be finishing a good part of your garden plantings. Seedlings of bell peppers, cantaloupes, cucumbers, eggplants, pumpkins, squash/zucchini, sweet potatoes, and watermelons should be in the ground within the first week. Other plans for June in Zone 5 include mulching trees, planting summer blooming bulbs, trimming flowering shrubs that have completed blooming, and thinking about planting fall blooming flowers like mums. Don't forget to weed the garden! To learn more about good dates to start garden seeds (indoors or outdoors) visit <https://www.almanac.com/gardening/planting-calendar/IL/Sublette>.

Nature Nuggets...Let's take a closer look at local nature!

The American Bullfrog: a large, loud, frog found around Woodhaven's lakes and wetlands. As the largest frog native to Illinois, they are fairly common and average 3 ½" to 6" in length. They are typically found along the water's edge and are very wary; making a quick jump into the water if you get too close. In late April through August, you might here the low, loud "br-wum" or "jug-o-rum" bellow of the male bullfrog defending its territory. Female bullfrogs can lay up to 20,000 eggs in the water which will hatch into tadpoles within a week. They stay in the water for 14 months before fully growing into adult frogs. Bullfrogs are omnivores meaning they will eat anything they can catch and swallow! Mostly they eat insects and crustaceans like crayfish. There are many predators to the bullfrog including raccoons, herons, snakes, fish, and people! Bullfrogs are also great jumpers, leaping as far as 6 feet!



Frogs are an interesting animal; they are amphibians that spend part of their life in water and part on land. Frogs actually breathe through their skin which is a good reason for us to leave them be. Anything that might be on our hands can be absorbed into their bodies when we touch them and could make them very sick. The American bullfrog is easy to identify by its size, its sound, and the large circle near its eye which is the eardrum.



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