

WOODHAVEN NEWS

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The Board of Directors would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Another *sweet* season has come and gone with many memories made. We are looking forward to a peaceful, beautiful Woodhaven winter and upcoming Cabin Fever on February 3, 2024.

We'll be playing the *waiting game* for now but looking forward to the weather *dealing* us a *good hand* next year - we'll see you then!



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ASSOCIATION OFFICE/ESAC

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Saturday | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Sunday | CLOSED

CLOSED: December 22 (at noon) - **January 1**

WOODHAVEN LAKES REALTY

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Saturday | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Sunday | CLOSED

CLOSED: December 22 (at noon) - **January 1**

WOODY'S TRUE VALUE

Monday - Saturday | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday | 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

CLOSED: December 24 - December 26

CLOSED: December 31 & January 1

LAKEVIEW

Daily | 7 a.m.-Dusk

LAUNDROMAT

24 hours

CLOSED FOR THE YEAR

Family Center
 Pools & Beach
 Rec Plex
 General Store
 Nature Center
 Bait Shop

PLEASE CHECK THE ONLINE FACILITY HOURS CALENDAR AT WWW.WOODHAVENASSOCIATION.COM/FACILITY-HOURS
 FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULES

**COMFORT STATIONS OPEN FOR THE WINTER:
 3, 10, 17, & 25**

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Association Office Main Number815-849-5209
Public Safety Main Gate815-849-5915
Woodhaven Lakes Realty815-849-5476
ESAC815-849-5371
General Store.815-849-5189
Service Center815-849-5107
Woodhaven Utilities.815-849-5718
Lee County Treasurer815-288-4477
Lee County Recorder815-288-3309

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 815-849-5209

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Ronald Reagan was President. The Apple MacIntosh computer debuted. Prince and The Police were at the top of the music charts and Cabbage Patch Dolls were all the rage. A gallon of gas cost right around \$1.00, and Woodhaven annual operating assessment was \$245. It was 1983-1984, and this is when Woodhaven's current longest-tenured employees—Greg Dimmig and Rick Farringer—began their full-time journeys at Woodhaven. While Greg and Rick's combined 80 years of Woodhaven service is certainly impressive, we would like to recognize all our tenure level employees for their years of service at Woodhaven.

5 Year Award:

- Susan Heck, Office Associate, Woodhaven Lakes Realty, Inc.
- Joe Stephenitch, Yard Worker, Woody, Inc.

10 Year Award:

- Debbie Inman, Office Associate

15 Year Award:

- Rusty Lindenmeyer, Certified Water/Sewer Operator
- Scott Hanson, Service Center Manager

25 Year Award:

- John Ryan, Public Safety Patrol Sergeant

40 Year Award:

- Greg Dimmig, General Manager Maintenance Services
- Rick Farringer, Director of Public Safety

We truly appreciate all our employees and their years of dedicated service. People are and always will be Woodhaven's greatest asset. Please know these individuals are important members of our team and their abilities and contributions are an important part of Woodhaven's continued success.

ASSESSMENT INVOICES TO BE MAILED IN MID-JANUARY & CONTINUING BUDGET PROCESS



The Board of Directors recently approved the assessment levels at \$1,495 for lots with sewer and \$1,375 for lots without sewer for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Invoices should be posted and sent to all Property Owners in mid-January. When you receive your assessment invoice, please review the information and balance shown on the invoice. If you have any questions, please call us at the Association Office at 815-849-5209.

You will continue to have two payment options. You can make full payment on or before March 31, 2024, to receive a \$30 discount on lots with sewer service, or a \$25 discount for lots without sewer. You can also make three installment payments, with 50% of the assessment due on or before March 31, 2024, and second and third installment payments equal to 25% of the assessment due on or

before May 31, 2024, and July 31, 2024.

Work on the budget process will continue into March, when the final budget schedule is approved by the Board of Directors. Staff and the Board will work on updating our five-year operating plan, our reserve plans and prepare monthly budget projections for 2024-2025. Any changes or adjustments are subject to Committee and Board review and approval prior to presentation to the Membership. If anyone is interested in obtaining more information about the budget process, please contact the Association Office to schedule an appointment with the Executive Director.

GAME ON!

Break out the cards, dice, and your favorite board games, because 2024 is going to be the summer for games! Next year's summer theme is "Game On"! Staff will recreate life-size games while putting a different spin on the classics- with plans to release Woodhaven's very own custom-made board game. There will be theme dinners and events throughout the summer to make it feel like you stepped into the game itself.



OTHER NEWS, NOTES & PROJECTS

- The Service Center underground storage tank and gas pump project was completed, and the new gas pumps were open for use on November 22, 2023.
- Comfort Stations were closed for the winter except for 3, 10, 17 & 25, which will remain open for the winter.
- Steel roof installation was completed on Comfort Station 25.
- Approximately 80 new road signs were installed during late fall early winter. A total of about 160 signs have now been installed with the third and final phase of the road sign replacement project completed next year.
- The Section 4 fishing pier was installed.
- Installation of the new deli line cases has begun at the General Store.
- Cabin Fever Festival is planned for Saturday, February 3, 2024.
- The Chicago RV and Camping Show is scheduled for February 15 - 18, 2024 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL.

**WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name _____ Sec/Lot _____
Address _____ Phone _____

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Which Standing Committee do you wish to serve on?

2. Why do you want to serve on this committee?

3. What credentials or area of expertise can you bring to this committee?

4. Would you have a problem attending one meeting a month for committee meetings?

5. How long have you owned your lot at Woodhaven?

6. Do you have any comments to add?

7. Signature _____ Date _____

**WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION
STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS REVIEW**

REQUEST FOR FILE REVIEW

I, _____, owner of section/lot(s) _____ in Woodhaven Lakes, hereby request an "Applicant Qualifications Review," which includes a file review and a walk-through inspection of my lot.

Signature _____ Date _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION
2024 Meeting Schedule**

WHEREAS, the Woodhaven Association (“Association”) is governed by and through a duly elected Board of Directors (“Board”) pursuant to the Declaration of Covenants and By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, Article VII Section 5 Meetings of the Board of Directors states, “The Board shall meet at such times as the Board shall determine by resolution, but no less than 4 times annually.”; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to set forth their 2024 meeting schedule.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The 2024 Board Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday	January 9	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Tuesday	January 23	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Tuesday	February 13	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Tuesday	February 27	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Tuesday	March 12	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Tuesday	March 26	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Tuesday	April 9	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Tuesday	April 23	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Saturday	May 25	Woodhaven	9 a.m.
Saturday	June 22	Woodhaven	9 a.m.
Saturday	July 27	Woodhaven	9 a.m.
Tuesday	August 13	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Sunday	August 25	*Woodhaven - Annual Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Sunday	August 25	*Woodhaven - following Annual Mtg.	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday	September 10	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Tuesday	September 24	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Friday	October 4	*Woodhaven - Budget Workshop, RecPlex	7 p.m.
Saturday	October 5	*Woodhaven - Budget Workshop, RecPlex	1 p.m.
Wednesday	October 16	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Saturday	November 9	*Woodhaven - Budget Hearing, RecPlex	1 p.m.
Tuesday	November 12	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.
Tuesday	December 10	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7 p.m.

2. That this Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

AYES: Laura Packwood, John Shefcik, Dan Rossi, Diane Connelly, Harry Koeppel

NAYES: _____

ABSENT: Chris Collins, Charles Muir

Dan Rossi, President

ATTEST: Laura Packwood, Secretary Pro Tem

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION
2024-2025 Assessments**

WHEREAS, the Woodhaven Association (the “Association”) is governed by and through a duly elected Board of Directors (the “Board”) pursuant to the Declaration of Covenants and By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, Article VII Section 1, a. of the By-Laws provide that the Board shall manage and control the affairs of the Association; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII Section 6, of the By-laws state, “The Board shall, in each year, take into consideration all sources of income that the Association may have and levy an annual assessment upon each Campsite for the following year”; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget and recommended assessment for 2024-2025 was explained to the Membership at a Budget Hearing on November 11, 2023; published in the December 2023 issue of the *Woodhaven News*; and posted on the Association’s website and other online media methods.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the annual assessments for 2024-2025 will remain \$1,495 on lots with sewer services and \$1.375 on lots without sewer services; and shall be allocated in the following manner:

	Lot’s w/ Sewer	Lot’s w/o Sewer
Operating Assessments		
Operating Fund	\$ 1,052	\$ 1,052
Lot Fund	7	7
Water & Sewer Fund	98	49
	\$ 1,157	\$ 1,108
Restricted Assessments		
Association Reserve	\$ 131	\$ 121
Water & Sewer Reserve	60	30
New Project Fund	85	85
Debt Services Fund	62	31
	338	267
Total Assessments	\$ 1,495	\$ 1,375
Early Payment Discount	- \$30	- \$25
	\$ 1,465	\$ 1,350

2. That this Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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AYES: Laura Packwood, John Shefcik, Dan Rossi, Diane Connelly, Harry Koeppel

NAYES: _____

ABSENT: Chris Collins, Charles Muir

Dan Rossi, President

ATTEST: Laura Packwood, Secretary Pro Tem

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION
Adding Policy 04-200-1223**

Exhibit A

WHEREAS, The Woodhaven Association ("the Association") is governed by and administered through a duly elected Board of Directors ("the Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has the responsibility of managing the affairs of the Association and establishing policy pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Covenants; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII Section 1. C of the By-Laws "The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules and regulations relating to the use of Association property, and sanctions for noncompliance therewith, as it may deem reasonably necessary for the best interest of the Association and its Members"; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the request of the Administration Staff to create a new policy to manage the delivery and pick up of packages at the Association Administration Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Policy 04-200-0000 shall be adopted to the Woodhaven Association Policy Manual under Section 4 Administration and added in its entirety and shall read in accordance with Exhibit A, attached hereto.

2. That Policy 04-200-0000 be adopted to reflect the date of approval as 04-200-1223.

3. That this resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

AYES: Laura Packwood, John Shefcik, Dan Rossi, Diane Connelly, Harry Koeppel

NAYES: _____

ABSENT: Chris Collins, Charles Muir

Dan Rossi, President

ATTEST: Laura Packwood, Secretary Pro Tem

04-200-1223 Package Handling Policy Owners may receive packages via the Woodhaven Association address. The following guidelines have been established for receipt of a packages:

1. Packages must be addressed to 509 Lamoille Rd., Sublette, IL 61367.
2. Packages must be addressed to an Owner of Record as shown on the deed, and the Section/Lot of the Owner must be listed in the address.
3. Packages weighing 60 pounds or less will be accepted. Any packages received over 60 pounds will be rejected at time of receipt and returned to carrier, at no cost to the Association.
4. The Association will log the name of the person picking up packages. The Association is not responsible for the package(s) once they are logged out.
5. Owners are responsible for the removal of packages from the Association office area.
6. Packages are expected to be picked up within a week. Packages remaining 30 days after receipt will be returned to the carrier, at no cost to the Association.
7. Non-conformance to any part of this policy will result in rejection/return of the package(s) to the carrier without notice, and at no cost to the Association. Rejection/Return of packages to the carrier will be noted in the Association log.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION**

Authorization to Establish Bank Accounts at FSB Mendota

WHEREAS, The Woodhaven Association (“the Association”) is governed by and administered through a duly elected Board of Directors (“the Board”) pursuant to the Declaration of Covenants and By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the responsibility of managing the affairs of the Association; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII Section 1. a. of the By-Laws the Board of Directors shall designate banking institutions as a depository for Association funds and the person or persons authorized to make withdrawals there from and to execute obligations on behalf of the Association; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed management’s recommendations to expand the Association’s banking relationship with The First State Bank Mendota and is authorizing management to proceed with this recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Corporate Resolutions, Letters of Direction to authorize account openings, and account summaries be approved, authorized, and executed as presented in the following exhibits.

- a) Woodhaven Association Accounts – Exhibits A, B, & C.
- b) Woody, Inc. Accounts – Exhibits D, E, & F.
- c) Woodhaven Lakes Realty, Inc. – Exhibits G, H, & I

2. That this Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

AYES: Laura Packwood, John Shefcik, Dan Rossi, Diane Connelly, Harry Koepfel

NAYES: _____

ABSENT: Chris Collins, Charles Muir

Dan Rossi, President

ATTEST: Laura Packwood, Secretary Pro Tem

**Exhibits pertaining to this Resolution are available for review upon request with the Association*

CLASSIFIEDS

26/204 - 1993 Brecker Ridge PM Z. Deck, Addition, Shed, firepit, Gravel Drive, Sewer, Water; Neat Lake. Sleeps 6. 36K OBO. Call 708-301-2899 (5)

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

Sec/Lot	Name	City/State	
2/223	LOUISA & JOSE RODRIGUEZ	NEWARK	IL
3/063-4	KATHLEEN & RICHARD WALSHON	NEW LENOX	IL
3/067	GEORGE & SUSAN MIRAN	WOODRIDGE	IL
3/114	RAFAEL HERNANDEZ	CHICAGO	IL
5/013	CESAR & AIDA MUNOZ	FISHERS	IN
5/048	BRIAN & TANYA RISLEY	RIVER GROVE	IL
5/087	SOLEIDA FLORES	CHICAGO	IL
5/312	RICHARD SMENTEK	TINLEY PARK	IL
6/020	REBECCA DE JESUS	RIVER GROVE	IL
8/090	WILLIAM TREPTOW	PLAINFIELD	IL
9/150	RICK & EILEEN KWASNIEWSKI	ADDISON	IL
10/119	KEELY DAVIS	DEKALB	IL
10/163	BONNIE & CLARENCE CARR	THONOTOSASSA	FL
11/007	DENNIS SCHNELL	MESA	AZ
11/162	MARCO ORIHUELA	CHICAGO	IL
11/275-6	MICHAEL SENSKA	CHICAGO	IL
11/308	VEREMUNDO & VERONICA ESTRADA	MONTGOMERY	IL
12/052	IVANNA TOMYCH	CHICAGO	IL
17/190	MIGUEL VILLANUEVA	ELMWOOD PARK	IL
17/190	ROSA MARIA MENDOZA	ELMWOOD PARK	IL
17/286	ANGEL RIVERA	CROWN POINT	IN
18/078	ROBERT & JULIE YINGST	BATAVIA	IL
22/032	KRISTEN DESHIDA-SUCH	PALOS HILLS	IL
25/025	MAUREEN SCHUELKE	GENEVA	IL
25/026-7	KRAIG & JULIE GRELL	STERLING	IL
25/069	JOSEPH COSTA	CHICAGO	IL
29/113	ARTHUR & MARCY PEREZ	ROMEDEVILLE	IL

SECTION REPRESENTATIVES & ALTERNATES

SECTION	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Section 1	Nancy Nieslawski	
Section 2	Pat Sirbas	Jane Elliott
Section 3	Maria Dellegrazio	Judy Gonzalez
Section 4	Gregg Swanstrom	Pamela Smith
Section 5	Pat Looby	Dale Fildes
Section 6	Michael Flanigan	
Section 7	Karen Larson	Lee Patterson
Section 8	Linda Smith	Mary Muir
Section 9	Jack Meyers	
Section 10	Bob Palatine	Tony Lona
Section 11	Rosa Galarza	
Section 12	Heather Hansen	
Section 13	Shannon Eaden	Jeff Eaden
Section 14	Jeraldine Elliott	
Section 15	Nancy Jackson	Elaine Ayres
Section 16	Ernest Mitchell	Jenice Pepon
Section 17	Jose Navarro	Darlene Singleton
Section 18	Rosemary Colness	
Section 19		
Section 20	Anthony Sarullo	Mike Connelly
Section 21	Shaunta Stocking	
Section 22	Kathy Brush	Kim Gibas
Section 23	Brenda Kriss	Rita Olsen
Section 24	Laurie Picha	Phyllis Sippel
Section 25	Ryan Davidson	
Section 26		
Section 27		
Section 28		
Section 29	James Robinson	

ESAC CITATIONS - NOVEMBER

Sec/Lot	Violation
1/147	Misc building materials; non-burnable items in fire pit
2/43	Over 400 sq ft of patio on lot
2/153	Building materials – blocks
2/199	Deck missing railing; shed roof missing shingles; bldg. materials
4/35	Extension cord into shed; RV door missing trim; bldg. materials
4/86	Broken sewer line; no cap on sewer inlet; rotten wood on shed
4/177	RV seams open; tarp over RV prior to verification of RV A/C, vent
5/61	Misc items stored in firewood containment
5/91	Over 400 sq ft patio on lot; tape on shed roof; RV seam open
5/94	Tape used to cover exposed wire unacceptable
5/129	Room less than 7' from 129/128 line; no survey for variance
5/436	Cap on sewer inlet not secure
5/454	Rotten wood on shed
7/198	Open areas around room door; cap on sewer inlet not secure
9/97	Building materials – concrete blocks, conduit
9/177	Damaged siding on RV; rotten/missing wood on shed; bldg. mat.
11/42	Extension cord plugged in; flex line not secure to sewer inlet
11/179	Overhead damaged; shingles missing from shed; rotten wood
11/241	Deteriorated shingles on shed; rotten wood on shed
12/41	RV permit expired – 180 days; needs survey
15/124	Tape on sewer inlet; bldg. materials – railroad ties
15/152	Tarps on room and RV (since July); hole in shed; deck rail damage
20/8	RV seam open; RV siding/floor damaged; no cap on sink drain
22/5	Building materials – landscape timbers
22/41	Shed roof missing shingles; exposed wood on shed; bldg. mat
23/44	Hole in shed roof; exposed wires on room
24/193	Outlet on ground; no cap on sewer inlet; shed roof damaged
24/254	Lights supported by trees
25/84	Over 400 sq ft of patio on lot
26/164	Shed door not closing properly at the top
27/120	Permit for overhead not complete – needs Lee County permit fee
27/156	Deteriorated shingles on shed; bldg material – lumber, metal ring
29/125	Tarp and blocks on RV roof (since August)
29/217	RV seams open

PUBLIC SAFETY CITATIONS - NOVEMBER

Sec/Lot	Owner/Guest	Offense
4/62	Guest	Speeding 32 mph in a 20 mph zone
5/399	Owner	Noise violation
24/178	Owner	Speeding 29 mph in a 20 mph zone
26/191	Guest	Speeding 30 mph in a 20 mph zone
	Contractor	Passengers not confined

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER LIST

Robert Hipshur-Sec. 21, Lot. 33
 William Dubois-Sec. 17, Lot. 122-123
 Christopher Jamroz-Sec. 11, Lot. 203



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**T & R would like to say thank you to all the people
 at Woodhaven that helped make it a great year!**



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 compiled in over the last few years - if you submitted your info already, we will continue to include you. The Association would be honored to post these names in the *Woodhaven News*. 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 annually.
 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: _____

Wars Served or Peacetime: _____

Additional Information: _____



SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GUIDE



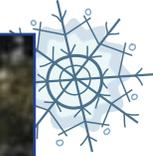
Snow & Ice Control Procedures

- The decision to plow snow and/or apply ice control materials to Woodhaven's roads will be made by Maintenance Department personnel and will be based on a variety of factors including: forecasted depth of snow and temperatures, time of day, and scheduled activities and events.
- When blinding conditions exist, all equipment will be pulled off the roads until it is safe to operate.
- Woodhaven Drive East and West, Greenbriar Trail, Mayfair Trail, and Cranhurst Trail are priority roads. These roads are plowed and/or spread with chips in their entirety first. Secondary roads and cul-de-sacs are plowed only after the priority roads are tended.
- Specific problem areas will be handled as soon as possible after the Maintenance Department has been notified. Emergencies should be directed to the Main Gate by calling 815-849-5915.
- Property Owners are required to remove vehicles completely from the road at all times during the snow removal process. Citations will be issued to violators.
- Plows may make several passes in order to widen the roads. "Windrows" are unavoidable.
- Plows will not be lifted at any entrance to individual driveways.
- Maintenance personnel are prohibited from plowing private driveways; clearance of driveway entrances is the responsibility of the Campsite owner.
- Association personnel are prohibited from using Woodhaven vehicles for the purpose of pulling or towing owners or guest's vehicles.

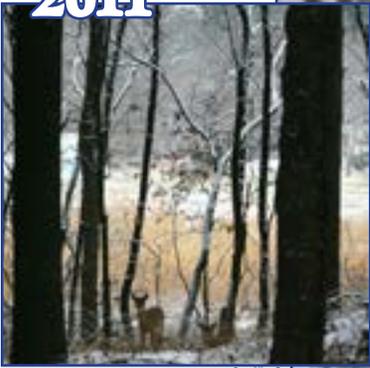


Winter Woodhaven Wonderland

We LOVE Woodhaven in the winter! Here are some great photos we've taken over the years - please feel free to share some of yours with us, too! You can send them through our Facebook messenger or shoot us an email. We just might share them in future issues of the Woodhaven News!



2011



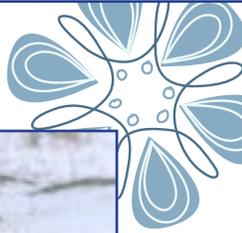
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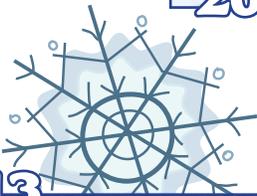
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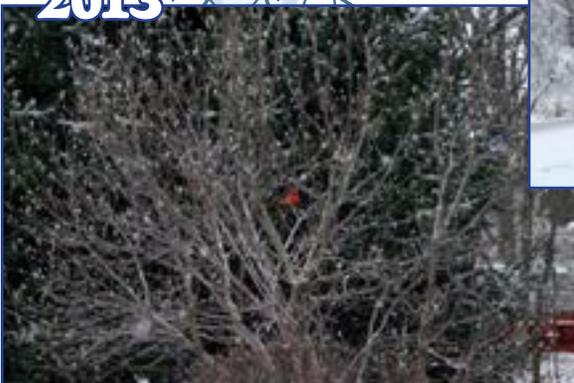
2021



2021



2013



2019



WOODY SAYS.....

Cheers to the
New Year!
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you all again!



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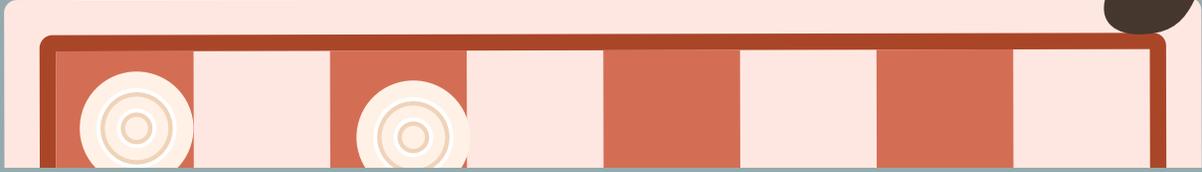
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January



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Board of Directors Mtg. NIU Naperville - 7pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Board of Directors Mtg. NIU Naperville - 7pm	24	25	26	27	28
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RECREATION & ACTIVITIES

CABIN FEVER

Saturday, February 3rd

The winter season is upon us, and what better way to celebrate the chilly weather than by indulging in a day filled with laughter, thrills, and some good ol' fashioned competition? Get ready to mark your calendars because our Cabin Fever is just around the corner on Saturday, February 3rd. Promising an unforgettable day of snowy adventures and delightful games. Grab your favorite sled, bundle up, and get ready for an exhilarating slide down the snowy hills. Don't worry if sledding isn't your thing; spectating and cheering on friends is just as exciting!

For the fishing enthusiast, we will hold our Annual Ice Fishing Tournament (weather and ice permitting). The tournament will be held again through the Fish Donkey app, make sure to download that app for more information. The Rec Plex will be "home base" for all the games and fun, check in there first to get started. We will be hosting our annual Poker Run, Arcade tournaments, BINGO, & more! We will also have sleds available to those who would like to brave the cold weather and take a trip down the sled hill. We will keep the fun rolling all day, but remember to dress for the weather, whatever it may bring!

Don't worry; there won't even be time to think about feeling cold when you're having fun at Woodhaven! Shake out that Cabin Fever and settle at Woodhaven for a day of fun in the snow! As we get closer to the date, visit our Facebook Page or the Woodhaven website at www.woodhavenassociation.com for a complete listing of events and schedule updates. We also recommend signing up for the Woodhaven email updates, which can be done by visiting the Woodhaven website. This will give you access to the most up-to-date information available.

Please remember that the activities listed below are subject to change depending on scheduling and the weather conditions that weekend. Some activities may be substituted for others as necessary.

Cabin Fever Schedule

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Sledding Hill Fun.....	All Day.....	Sled Hill- Rec Plex
Ice Fishing Tournament.....	8 a.m.-3 p.m.....	All Lakes Great Woodhaven
Nature Center Open.....	10 a.m.-3 p.m.....	Nature Center
Poker Walk.....	10 a.m.-3 p.m.....	Multi-Purpose Room/Trails
Crafts.....	10 a.m.-1 p.m.....	Creation Station - Rec Plex
Arcade Game Tournaments.....	12 p.m.-2 p.m.....	Rec Plex
BINGO.....	4 p.m.....	Multi-Purpose Room - Rec Plex

Resource(ful) Information – DEER EDITION

Whitetail deer are an important part of Woodhaven, that is why the Association has taken a proactive approach toward looking at the risks involved with the growing deer herd. As fall has come to a close and winter is upon us, we wanted to provide some valuable information regarding the deer population along with some basic facts and the potential concerns in general. We would like to provide you, the Property Owners, with as much information and current data as possible. The Association formed a Deer Management Committee in the spring of 2023 to assess the deer herd. The committee's mission is to collect, review and analyze data/information/recommendations provided by local agencies, municipalities, along with field work by staff related to Woodhaven's deer population, then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors based on this data for the purpose of maintaining a well-balanced and healthy deer herd at Woodhaven.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) IN ILLINOIS

**Neurological disease of deer • All deer are susceptible
CWD is always fatal • No treatment or cure**

CWD Symptoms:
It takes about 18 months for deer to die after exposure to CWD.
Deer only exhibit visual symptoms in the last month of life.
Some symptoms include:

- Loss of coordination & inability to stand
- Drooping of head & ears
- Severe emaciation & dehydration
- Excessive salivation & nasal discharge

CWD Transmitted by:

Direct contact with an infected deer

Ingestion of residual body fluids from a sick deer shed into the environment

Disease Transmission Increases With:

Supplemental feeding or baiting

High population density

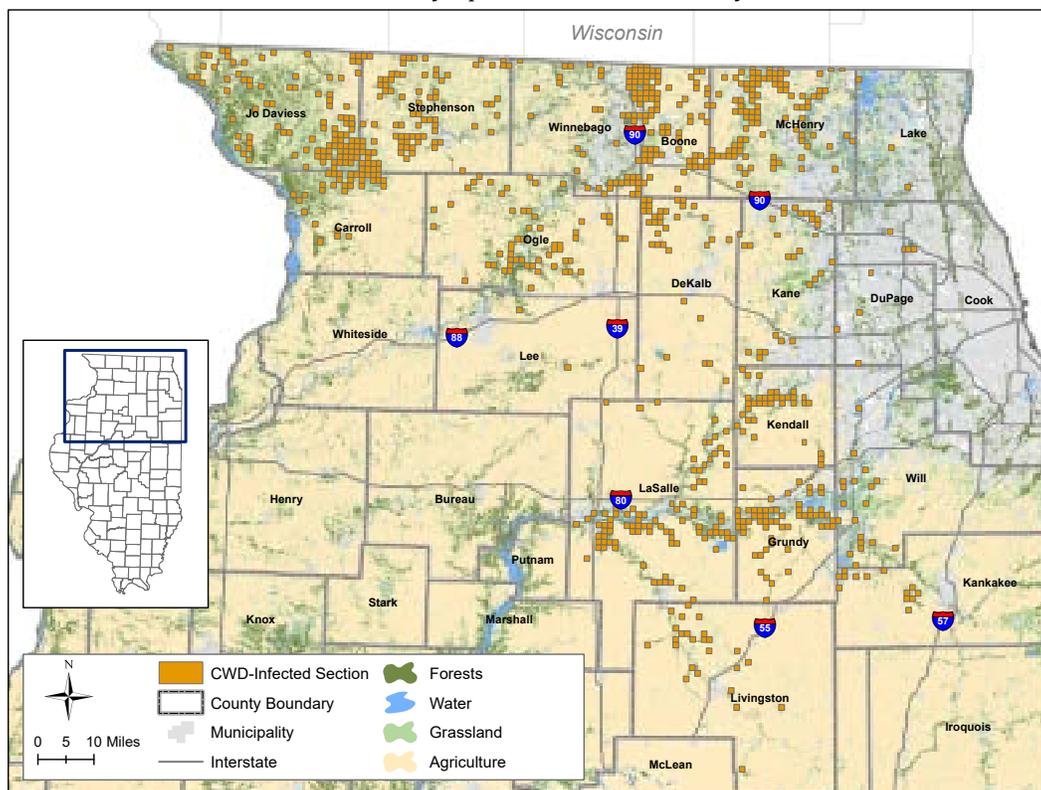
LOWER DEER DENSITY = LESS CWD RISK
Reducing deer population within 2 miles of where CWD has been found helps to keep infection levels low and minimize spread.

If CWD is Not Controlled:

- This disease will likely spread over large portions of the state.
- Infection rates are expected to increase to high levels.
- Deer populations will likely be reduced, if not eliminated, by this disease.

deer.wildlifeillinois.org

Since 2019 we have sent off a total of 4 does to be tested for CWD. Thus far all of which have come back negative. We will continue to monitor the deer health and send them to be tested when symptoms deem it necessary.



Illinois Cumulative CWD-Infected Sections - August 15, 2023

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD)

- Signs – appetite loss, loss of fear of humans, weakness, excessive salivation (not foaming), respiratory distress, feverish, swelling in head/neck/tongue/eyelids, lack of consciousness, blue appearance of tongue.
- Vector-borne viral disease transmitted by insects when a deer is bitten. (midges, gnats, etc.)
- Often fatal but those that survive develop an immunity to the virus.
- Water levels (dry or flooding) can affect outbreaks in areas.
- There is no effective management for EHD. The number of infected deer will decrease after a hard frost or freezing temps.
- Not as much of a concern as CWD; EHD cannot be transmitted from deer to deer.
- 1 deer was found in July of 2023 that showed symptoms of EHD.

Deer counts

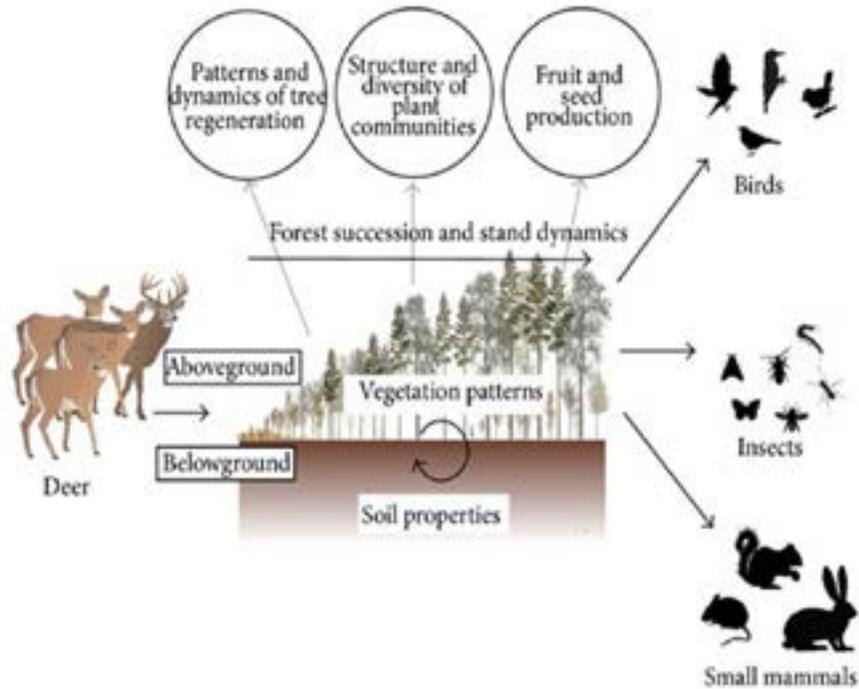
Additional information:

- Total land acreage results in 2.44 sq. mi.
- For example, many suburban agencies manage forest preserves at 20-30 deer/sq. mi.

Date	Total deer on property	Total w/ 15% correction factor	Deer/sq mi.	Conditions
4/5/2022	163	187	77	52°, light winds, occasional rain
1/18/2023	219	252	103	Overcast, 38°, light winds, no rain
2/8/2023	294	338	138	Partly cloudy, 41°, light SE winds
3/14/2023	255	293	120	Sunny, 36°, light N winds, no snow
11/14/2023	159	183	75	Sunny, 60°, 16 mph S winds
11/28/2023	215	247	101	Sunny, 21°, 8-10 mph SW winds
12/12/2023	313	360	148	Sunny, 36°, 8-10 mph W winds

Over-population potential impacts:

- Research has shown that deer can cause a reduced diversity of plants, virtually eliminate forest understory, and reduce the reproductive potential of rare plants. This alteration of plant communities also encourages the growth of exotic species such as garlic mustard that outcompete other native plants such as trilliums, orchids, and ginseng.
- Over browsing, which reduces the regeneration of trees, allows more sunlight to reach the forest floor, thus changing the plant species composition.
- Greater risk of deer/vehicle accidents
- Higher risk of disease transmission
- Loss of habitat for ground nesting birds and small mammals



Communications Committee

By Diana L. Koepfel

Communications Committee Member

Woodhaven and Surrounding Area Wintertime Fun

After all of the snowbirds have left to venture south in search of warmer temperatures, there are still those who love the climbing of the thermostat and stay to enjoy the fourth season at Woodhaven. Breathing in the crisp cold morning air. Tubing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, ice skating and snowshoeing can all be enjoyed at Woodhaven!

From now until Cabin Fever, one can also enjoy the many area attractions listed below.

City of LaSalle Celebration of Lights – Rotary Park, Lasalle. 5-9 p.m. Weekdays, and 5-10 p.m. Weekends. Come see the Woodhaven Association and Woodhaven Lakes Realty displays!
Starved Rock State Park – At any time of year, Starved Rock State Park features a captivating paradise, but when winter’s chill freezes the cascading waterfalls, this ecological cosmos becomes a wonderland to behold. Must-see frozen waterfalls include those at St. Louis Canyon and Wildcat Canyon – some of the most impressive waterfalls in the Utica park. Many ice climbers test their skills on these frozen falls, while others come just to admire the glacial wonders. Starved Rock State Park has 13 miles of hiking trails, several waterfalls and eight different canyons accessible to visitors by green-marked trails.
Byron Forest Preserve – When winter is in full force, the Byron Forest Preserve has cross country skis for rent and miles of trails for you to explore at their Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve located at 7993 North River Road in Byron. Cross country skis can be rented at the Jarrett Prairie Center for \$5 per person per hour for drop in use. Cross country skis can be rented during normal Jarrett Prairie Center hours. Also please note that the Jarrett Prairie Center also has a designated public sledding hill located next the center and hot chocolate for sale as long as there is enough snow to cover the slope.
11/24-12/31 – Bureau County Fairgrounds Home for the Holidays, Drive Through Christmas Light Display, 811 W Peru St. (Route 6 West), Princeton, Fri, Sat, & Sun in December 5-9 p.m.
11/24 – 12/16 The Ottawa Chris Kringle Market is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday for four straight weekends; featuring local artisans, boutiques and restaurants in an open air, euro-inspired event under the twinkling lights of the Jordan Block Park in historic downtown Ottawa, Illinois. Over 70 vendor placed throughout downtown makes this an enjoyable shopping experience. Stroll from one location to another sampling tasty treats while being caught up in the holiday spirit. Find vendors at the Jordan Block Park, on Court Street, and on Jackson Street next to Washington Square Park. Vendors will vary each weekend so it’s important to come back to have a new experience. Make this your new holiday tradition! Hours: 12-8, F 4-8, Sat 11-6, Sun 11-4.
11/24 – 12/23 Holiday Light Display at Centennial Park. Visit Rock Falls and travel through Centennial Park, gorgeously lit for the holidays. Local businesses, churches, and groups have created stunning Christmas themes for park shelters and grounds. Who knows? Santa and Mrs. Claus may appear. Weekends 5:30 – 8:30 PM
1/4/2024 – Winterfest at Lee County Fairgrounds, 1196 Franklin Road, Amboy.



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 Sec 1, Lot 147 - \$110,000	 Sec 2, Lot 16 - \$59,000	 Sec 2, Lot 55 - \$157,000	 Sec 2, Lot 102 - \$120,000	 Sec 2, Lot 118 - \$55,000	 Sec 2, Lot 251 - \$48,000
 Sec 3, Lots 46&47 - \$110,000	 Sec 4, Lot 68 - \$159,900	 Sec 4, Lot 120 - \$34,000	 Sec 4, Lot 155 - \$35,000	 Sec 4, Lot 199 - \$30,000	 Sec 5, Lot 37 - \$19,900
 Sec 5, Lot 54 - \$15,500	 Sec 5, Lot 80 - \$12,500	 Sec 5, Lot 138 - \$29,500	 Sec 5, Lot 139 - \$49,900	 Sec 5, Lot 158 - \$38,700	 Sec 5, Lots 405 & 406 - \$189,900
 Sec 5, Lot 428 - \$30,000	 Sec 5, Lot 461 - \$99,999	 Sec 7, Lot 59 - \$37,500	 Sec 7, Lot 202 - \$18,900	 Sec 7, Lot 205 - \$9,000	 Sec 8, Lot 53 - \$31,500
 Sec 9, Lots 30/31 - \$45,500	 Sec 10, Lot 80 - \$13,000	 Sec 10, Lots 114/115 - \$47,000	 Sec 10, Lot 133 - \$10,500	 Sec 11, Lot 239 - \$17,500	 Sec 14, Lot 17 - \$33,500
 Sec 14, Lots 61&62 - \$39,000	 Sec 15, Lot 140 - \$21,000	 Sec 16, Lot 103 - \$42,500	 Sec 16, Lot 152 - \$45,000	 Sec 17, Lot 167 - \$49,000	 Sec 17, Lot 202 - \$16,500

Sec 3, Lot 33.....PENDING
 Sec 3, Lot 114.....SOLD
 Sec 9, Lot 150.....SOLD
 Sec 11, Lots 275&276.....SOLD
 Sec 11, Lot 292.....PENDING
 Sec 17, Lot 286.....SOLD
 Sec 22, Lot 32.....SOLD
 Sec 25, Lots 26& 27.....SOLD

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Sec 21, Lot 103 - \$27,500



Sec 21, Lot 272 - \$53,500



Sec 22, Lot 33 - \$35,000



Sec 25, Lots 2&3 - \$86,900



Sec 25, Lot 89 - \$45,000



Sec 26, Lot 120 - \$24,999



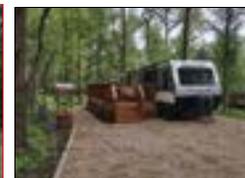
Sec 26, Lots 181/182 - \$79,900



Sec 27, Lot 57 - \$26,500



Sec 27, Lot 58 - \$41,500



Sec 27, Lot 97 - \$49,999



Sec 27, Lot 103 - \$24,500



Sec 28, Lot 74 - \$39,900



Sec 28, Lot 75 - \$25,000



Sec 28, Lot 120 - \$75,000

Residential Listings



222 N. Davis Ave., Amboy \$178,000

Beautiful two story home with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, dining room kitchen with appliances, living room with wood burning fireplace full basement, 2 car heated garage



204 S Locust St., Sublette \$154,500

This beautiful, brick 2 story home is ready for you to move into! Features 4 bedrooms, 1 3/4 bath, kitchen with appliances and pantry, nice enclosed porch, main floor bedroom, fire pit area



125 W Pleasant St., Amboy \$128,000

This well taken care of home is ready for you to move in. Located on two lots in town. Features include an eat-in kitchen with appliances large living room for entertaining, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, laundry room, side porch with dura built roof for entertaining, clothesline, shed.

203 W LINCOLN HWY, FRANKLIN GROVE...CONTINGENT.....\$99,900
106 S. WEST ST, OHIO.....SOLD.....\$71,000

Land to Build On

315 PLATTE DR., DIXON.....\$5,500
415 SAINT FRANCIS, DIXON.....\$4,900
702-704 MISSISSIPPI DR., DIXON.....\$10,000
LIBERTY/PROSPECT ST., ARLINGTON..\$15,000

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Section 2 Brooklyn Two., Lee
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Commercial Listings



10 N US Hwy 34, Mendota \$500,000

Great Business Opportunity! Google video online about Sip n Snack! Sip n Snack has been in Business for 50 years! Awesome location with lots of traffic and close to Mendota golf course. So many opportunities with this restaurant/bar. Features include: large parking area, 70 KW generator, over \$100,000 in inventory and equipment, pop machine, freezer, fryers, refrigerator, some toy machines, tables, chairs, bar stools, everything you need to start today and so much more. Downstairs seats around 230 and upstairs seats around 70 people. Bar upstairs and down! Private back room for entertaining, 2 updated bathrooms. This business had a lot of take out business as well. Plenty of storage throughout. Add catering, deliveries and gaming machines to make more income! Beers signs are negotiable.



101 N Pennsylvania Ave, Sublette \$350,000

Calling all Investors! One of a kind- Turn key! Located on a busy highway! This is a restaurant/bar with Pizza delivery and eat in dining. Seating is 41 with bar. On site parking with parking across the road. This property is near WoodHaven Lakes and four other camp grounds nearby. Fenced in area with 2 picnic tables for entertaining, 2 bathrooms, storage above bar, A cash register, pizza oven, 42" charbroiled, 2 burner top gas stove top, 3 door commercial refrigerator, 1 freezer, 1- 3 door freezer, 3 upright-freezers, 2 chest freezers, all utensil, pots and pans, dishes, silverware, plates, beer, wine and water glasses, 6 tables, 24 chairs, 17 bar stools, 2 high chairs, 3 TVs, 1 in game room has no sound, salt & pepper shakers, ketchup containers, 2 microwaves, and signage are included in the price. (Liquor inventory left will be sold at closing separate). Owner is willing to consult for 30 days to insure a smooth transition for the new owner, leave the same phone number and share recipes. Ask agent to See items not staying. Call today for your personal showing.



Ice-Fishing Season Coming

The ice-fishing season is once again close at hand. As the ice begins to form on the lakes across northern Illinois, ice anglers will be anticipating catching bluegills, crappies, trout, and other species through the holes carved into the ice. This winter pastime is a means of enjoying the outdoors when temperatures fall well below the freezing mark. A fair number of anglers come out to Woodhaven's lakes to ice fish on a regular basis through the winter. As with fishing in open water, there are precautions one must take to ensure a safe trip.

The first and most important thing to do is find out the ice conditions on the body of water you intend to fish. In most instances, one must visit the lake or pond to personally assess ice conditions. The Association staff do not assess ice conditions daily to provide assurance of "safe" ice. Some general guidelines based on newly formed ice, which is stronger than older ice, are as follows:

- 2 inches- safe for walking (not recommended)
- 4 inches - fishermen plus equipment
- 5 inches-**snowmobiles**
- 8 to 12-**vehicles**

Vehicles & snowmobiles are not allowed on Woodhaven Lakes! This just gives a rough idea of the load bearing strength of ice at different thicknesses.

There are many factors that cause ice to weaken, some of which are fluctuating air temperatures, precipitation, currents under the ice, geese, and fluctuating water levels. The presence of aeration/circulation devices on the lakes should be noted and steered well clear of as the current produced by the water movement causes ice to thin.

As a precaution, aeration and circulation devices will be operating on all lakes this coming season. Even though the ice may seem 'safe' around these devices, anglers are cautioned to stay well away from them to avoid the danger of falling through the ice. These devices create current under the ice. Be sure to carry a pair of safety ice picks in the event you fall through the ice (Figure 1). These picks allow an angler to pull himself or herself up onto the ice otherwise it is impossible to grip the ice to get out of a hole after falling through. Before stepping onto the ice, the above factors and precautions should be heeded to avoid a catastrophe. Do not take for granted that ice is safe on a given day during the season.

In addition to the precautions relating to ice conditions, please continue to follow daily catch limits while out on the ice. Heavy winter ice fishing pressure affects fish populations, so practice good conservation to ensure healthy fish populations in the future.

I came across the following article, "Fishy Colors", in the Illinois American Fisheries Society newsletter recently and thought anglers would have interest in it. I know some of you have come across these color variations while out on the water over the years.

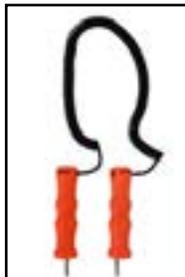


Figure 1 Ice safety picks should be a must for all ice anglers in the event one falls through the ice.

Fishy Colors

JIM GARAVAGLIA, IDNR

Fish exhibit a wonderful array of colors and patterns that have evolved over long periods of time. The coloration and pattern may provide camouflage from predators or prey, or they may help attract a mate during spawning season. The various colors of a fish are generally produced by three main pigments: brown/ black (melanin), red (erythrin), and yellow (xanthin). Iridophores also play an important role in coloration by refracting light to create white/silver, blue, and green. But what happens when the genes that express these colorations mutate, or simply aren't expressed? Albinism occurs when a fish has a complete loss of all pigmentation. Albino fish will be completely white in coloration, and their eyes will look pink or red due to the lack of pigmentation in the eye. Leucism occurs when a fish has a partial loss of pigments. Leucistic fish will be pale or have patchy pale coloration (often referred to as piebald when patchy). Depending on the pigments remaining, a leucistic fish may have xanthism (only yellow pigments remain) or erythrism (only red pigments remain). Melanism occurs when melanin is overproduced, causing the fish to be darker than usual, often completely black. Not all abnormalities in coloration are simply up to genetic chance though. Blotchy Bass Syndrome, a condition where hyperpigmented skin lesions are found on black bass species, was recently found to be associated with a virus.

Have you caught a fish while at work or play that is expressing one of these cool colorations? If so, send a picture to james.garavaglia@illinois.gov with any details you may have (date, location, etc.) and we'll share the photos in the next newsletter!



Photos (Left to Right): Trent Thomas with a leucistic/xanthic flathead catfish from Salt Creek, a tributary to the Sangamon River (photo credit, Trent Thomas); A melanistic spotted gar from Mill Creek, a tributary of the Wabash River ((photo credit, Trent Thomas); a blotchy largemouth bass from Paradise Lake (photo credit, Jim Garavaglia); Blake Ruebush holding a channel catfish from Otter Lake in Macoupin County (photo credit, Ben Lubinski); Sloan Hummel with a channel catfish from the Emiquon Preserve (photo credit, Jason DeBoer); Jason DeBoer with a channel catfish from the Emiquon Preserve (photo credit, Josh Bruegge)

For Those That Left Watercraft at Storage & Common Areas

Several watercrafts remained on lake storage areas as of December 1. These were picked up and placed in storage until owners come forward to claim them. Rules and Regulations state that watercraft must be removed from common areas and designated lake storage areas by December 1. Letters will be sent out to those with proper identification, unfortunately not all had identification as required. If you know that you left a watercraft at a storage area without identifying numbers, please contact me at the number below. Owners will be required to pay a \$20 pickup fee as well as \$5/month storage fees to claim the watercraft. If you have questions or know that you did not pick up your watercraft, please contact the Resource Department at (815) 849-5209 extension 305.

“There are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm. One is the danger of supposing that breakfast comes from the grocery, and the other that heat comes from the furnace.”

— Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac



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DAILY CATCH LIMITS AND RULES - 2023

- Woodhaven Lake** - largemouth bass - harvest up to 3 fish under 12 inches and “Catch & Release” on fish 12 inches and greater.
- Bass Lake** - largemouth bass – harvest up to 3 fish under 12 inches and “Catch & Release” on fish 12 inches and greater.
- Pine, Sunset, Black Oak, Hidden & Bluegill lakes** – 1 largemouth bass/day, 14 inch minimum length limit.
- All Lakes** – 15 fish combined catch limit on bluegill and redear species.
- All lakes** – 15 fish limit on crappie
- All Lakes** – 4 fish limit on channel catfish.
- All lakes** – return grass carp to the lake
- All lakes** – No limit on common carp, bullhead, and green sunfish species.
- All lakes** – NO MINNOWS: using live minnows can introduce unwanted species/organisms into our lakes.
- No harvesting of turtles.** This is geared mainly towards snapping turtles in which populations have been declining in the State over the years due to overharvest.
- 2 poles and line only in the water at a time for all the lakes on property.** With this restriction, anglers would be allowed to have multiple poles but only 2 lines in the water at a given time.
- No unattended fishing devices allowed at any time on any of the lakes.** Unattended devices can cause mortality to fish and turtles that should be released if undersize as well as interfere with boaters using the lakes.
- No trotline or jug fishing on any of the lakes.** Given our fisheries are recreational, I believe these devices are damaging to our fisheries and interfere with boaters using the lakes.



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THE NATURALIST CORNER

alyssa rod, nature center coordinator

January tends to be the coldest month of the year! According to an article by USA Today, the coldest month of the year is January in 45 US states while December and February cover the rest. The average low temperature in Illinois during January is 10.9°F! The coldest temperature in Illinois history was documented on January 31, 2019, when the town of Mount Carroll hit a low of -38°F (only 45 miles northwest of Woodhaven). You might remember that week of polar vortex cold. This record bested the prior record of -36°F on January 5, 1999, in Congerville Illinois, a town between Peoria and Bloomington/Normal.

While we don't enjoy these cold temperatures, it's an opportunity to find unique nature art! During chilly weather, we can find beautiful works of art by nature in the form of ice. Ice is water in its frozen solid form, freezing at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. When water freezes quickly it creates cloudy ice and when frozen slower it can create clear ice. Icicles are one form of ice art that can change within minutes as it melts and changes over time. On lakes or puddles, we can find ice with leaves frozen in it or even various bubbles and frosty shapes.



This January try creating your own nature ice art. One way is to create an ice wreath. Start by gathering nature items: leaves, berries, pinecones, pine needles, acorns, or orange peels. You will need a cake pan or bundt pan to freeze your water and nature items in. Place the items in the pan and cover with water. If using a cake pan, place a piece of yarn or ribbon on the edge to be able to hang your ice wreath later; with a bundt pan you can tie the ribbon around the wreath once frozen. Next, place your pan outside and let nature freeze it for you (if it is not cold enough to freeze, place it in a freezer overnight). Depending on outside temperatures, it could take 3-15 hours to freeze. Once frozen, hang in a tree outside and watch the changes happen!

Coming Soon! Stop by the Nature Center during Cabin Fever on Saturday, February 3rd to join us for some SNOWtacular winter-time fun! We will be open 10am-3pm. The day will be filled with creative crafts, wintery activities, spectacular snowflakes, and more. Further details will be listed in the Cabin Fever *Leisure Times*.

NATURE NUGGETS: LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT LOCAL NATURE!

Bald Eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) are semi-common birds found around the Woodhaven Lakes area. This majestic bird has been the emblem of the United States since 1782. Bald Eagles typically live closer to water, in coastal areas, rivers, and large lakes as well as open country and mountains. In Illinois, these eagles can occasionally be found in almost every county during winter and around the northern part of the state year-round. The name 'bald' eagle comes from the old English word "balde," meaning white.

Bald Eagles take five years to become fully adult in their looks. Immature birds begin mostly dark in color. Over the next five years, those feathers change to add the white feathers of the head and tail until fully white. They have a wingspan of around 6-feet in width and weigh only 6.5 to 14 pounds.



Eagles build large nests made of tree branches near the top of trees. They reuse these nests every year, adding more branches and increasing the size of the nest. Nests average 5-6 feet wide and 2-4 feet tall. The largest known Bald Eagle nest was in St. Petersburg Florida. It was 9.5 feet wide and 20 feet tall! Some eagle nests can weigh more than 1-2 tons! Nesting can start as early as January to April around northern Illinois where they lay 1-3 eggs. These eggs are dull white and both adults take turns incubating the eggs for 34-36 days.

Fish is the core food source for the Bald Eagle, but they will feed on reptiles, amphibians, crabs, and small mammals like rabbits and muskrats. They will also eat carrion and can occasionally be found on roadsides feeding on a dead deer.

At one point, the Bald Eagle was endangered by hunting and pesticides. It was rare to see a Bald Eagle in Illinois until the last 30 years. A very prominent bird across the United States, the eagle started to become rare in the mid-to-late 1900s due to trapping, shooting, and poisoning. Two major concerns were lead poisoning (lead from shooting other wildlife and the eagle eating it) and the poisoning by DDT a now banned pesticide that caused eggshells to grow thin and chicks not hatch. By 1978, the Bald Eagle was listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. With protection, the eagle population started to increase. Today, the global population is estimated to be more than 316,000. Lead poisoning is still a problem today as well as collisions with motor vehicles, and habitat destruction.



During winter, it can be easier to find Bald Eagles in Illinois as the northern populations move south to warmer climates and open waterways. Two great places to see eagles in Illinois in January/February

are at the Starved Rock Lock & Dam on the Illinois River near Utica and Lock & Dam 13 on the Mississippi River north of Fulton. On January 27-28, 2024, the Illinois Waterways Visitor Center, Starved Rock Visitor Center, and Starved Rock Lodge will be hosting Eagle Watch Weekend. The event will include outdoor eagle viewing, live raptor shows, and nature programs. Visit <https://www.starvedrocklodge.com/event/eagle-watch-weekend-2/> for more details. If you won't be nearby for this event, check around your area to find other eagle weekend events!

Fun fact: Bald Eagles are powerful hunters with large, sharp talons. These talons have a grip of nearly 400 psi (pounds per square inch). In comparison, humans have a bite around 150 psi and lions/tigers are around 1,000 psi.

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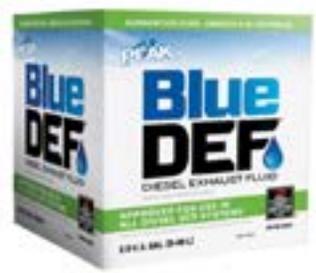
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