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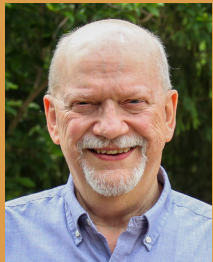
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Greetings to you from myself and your Board of Directors. I hope you have been enjoying this year's camping season and are also participating in the many themed activities and events related to "**SUMMER REWIND**" here at Woodhaven Lakes.

As we move from July into early August, we look forward to our annual Main Event Weekend, which begins Friday, July 31 and runs through Sunday, August 2. On Friday we start the weekend with a "Party at the Pavilion" plus the Wine & Cheese Social later that evening...Saturday we have the Farmer's Market, Food Fair, Open Air Market, and a lakeside Concert with Fireworks... finally Sunday the Food Fair and Farmer's Market continues, our annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show plus everyone's favorite the Root Beer Float Social to close out the festivities. Please look elsewhere in this edition of the *Woodhaven News* or on the website for the complete list of all our exciting activities.

With the 2026 Board of Director's Election occurring this year, I hope you were able to meet the candidates during the Fourth of July weekend at the Open-Air Market. There are four positions to be filled this year and there are five candidates running for those seats. As part of the election process ballots were mailed out to all Property Owners (in good standing) between July 13 - 15. The mailing included information about the candidates and how

to submit your vote. You can cast your vote either by mail or online with the submission deadline of August 14. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on August 22nd with the new Board being seated at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting which occurs later that same day. Reminder, all Property Owners are encouraged to attend any Board of Directors' meeting...hope to see you at one.

The excitement has been growing related to the opening of the new Trilside Building. Not only does the building look good from the outside but the inside does not disappoint. There is a multipurpose area for hanging out with friends and family, for watching TV or a place for small events or meetings. Additionally, there is a computer workspace, washrooms, plus shower and a new workout room with all new equipment. Please be watching for news of a Grand Opening / Dedication ceremony coming soon.

Pool Two Update...Architectural Plans are being finalized with bids to be received later this month. Bid results to be presented to your Board at its September 8 meeting...construction is anticipated to begin soon thereafter.

As we proceed through the month of August, I think of all the things Woodhaven has to offer. Whether its nature, the serenity, the activities or just passing the time of day on your property...there is something for everyone. Enjoy your Summer!

Charles "Charlie" Muir

Board of Directors Secretary

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SOME ONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Marie McGrath is the last permanent resident who is still living here at Woodhaven Lakes.

It was always the intent that all the campsites within Woodhaven Lakes be used for recreational purposes only and were not to be used as a primary residence. In the late 1980s and early 1990s there were many senior citizens who stayed at Woodhaven during the summer and then went away for the winter. It really wasn't a problem until families started staying all year and registering children in the local schools. Woodhaven tried to enforce the 6-month rule, and several property owners filed a lawsuit. The judge ruled that property owners who could prove residency before August 16, 1991, would be exempt from the six-month rule and allowed to stay.

Marie and her husband Joe purchased property on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1974. They spent many summers camping at Woodhaven with their four children, first with a small travel trailer then a bigger travel trailer and eventually a park model. Marie has been on the same lot in Section 10 for the last 52 years and served as a section representative for several years. Marie and Joe sold their house in Woodridge in 1986 and declared Woodhaven their permanent residence. They bought a motor home and started traveling in the winter and eventually settled in Mission Texas. Joe died in August of 2008, but Marie continued spending winters in Texas until 2022. She continues to spend her summers here at Woodhaven and winters with her daughter in Morris, Illinois.

I first met Marie in the early 1990s when Woodhaven had line dancing lessons at the Pavilion. Marie later taught line dancing at Woodhaven's Lakeview building during coffee hours and also taught line dancing in Texas for many years. Her and Joe invited my husband and I to come down to visit them in Texas in 2005, and we have been going there every winter since then. Over the years we have spent many hours playing Quinze and drinking margaritas with Marie and I am honored to call her my friend.

Diane Connelly

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Association Office	815-849-5209
Public Safety Main Gate	815-849-5915
Woodhaven Lakes Realty.....	815-849-5476
ESAC	815-849-5371
General Store	815-849-5189
Service Center.....	815-849-5107
Woodhaven Utilities.....	815-849-5718
Lee County Treasurer.....	815-288-4477
Lee County Recorder.....	815-288-3309



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Mail this slip and information to:

Classified Ads, Woodhaven News, 509 Lamoille Rd Sublette, IL 61367

**The deadline to place a classified ad is the 1st of the month prior to the issue desired. Include all words and images you would like to use. (images are \$5 extra)*

**All ads must be prepaid *Businesses may not place classified ads
Please run this ad for the months of: _____
amount enclosed: \$ _____*

FACILITY HOURS - AUGUST

facility hours are subject to change

ASSOCIATION OFFICE/ESAC

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

WOODHAVEN LAKES REALTY

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

WOODY'S DO IT BEST

Monday-Saturday | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday | 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday 8/1 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday 8/2 | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

THE TACKLE BOX

Sunday | 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday | 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday | 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday | 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tuesday | CLOSED
Sunday 8/30 | 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

NATURE CENTER

Sun & Mon, Wed- Fri | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday | 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Tuesday | CLOSED

FAMILY CENTER

Daily | 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

LAKEVIEW

Daily | 7 a.m.-Dusk

REC PLEX

Friday 8/1-Sat. 8/2 | 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday 8/3 | 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Mon. 8/3-Fri. 8/7 | 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday 8/8 | 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday 8/9 | 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

STARTING 8/10 -----

Monday-Friday | 4 p.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday | 12 p.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Monday 8/31 | CLOSED

GENERAL STORE

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Friday & Saturday | 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday | 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday | CLOSED

CAMPSTOVE RESTAURANT (BREAKFAST)

Wed-Mon | 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
weekdays limited breakfast menu

CAMPSTOVE RESTAURANT (LUNCH/DINNER)

Mon, Wed, Thur | 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Friday & Saturday | 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
full-service with waitstaff 11a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday | 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tuesday | CLOSED

LAUNDROMAT

24 hours

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

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

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Our Woodhaven community is constantly changing and evolving, and what it looks like today is significantly different than even just five or ten years ago. One of the noticeable changes that has happened in the past several years is the increased number of Low-Speed Vehicles (LSV's) and e-bikes on Woodhaven's roadways.

Woodhaven has always required all motorized vehicles to have a valid license plate and be operated by a licensed driver per our Rules & Regulations. And with more than 45 miles of roads and the sheer number of vehicles on property on any given summer weekend, it is completely understandable and warranted from a safety perspective—a position Woodhaven's Board and management have always stood behind. Because of these rules, standard golf carts have never been allowed on Woodhaven property because they are not licensable and don't have all the required safety features for a licensed vehicle.

Illinois laws were changed between 2008 and 2010 to define and regulate use of Low-Speed Vehicles, which were initially produced to meet the steady demand for vehicles to accommodate an aging population, combat the rising costs of new cars, and provide environmentally friendly transportation alternatives. Although many LSV's appear very similar to a standard golf cart, they are significantly different in many ways. In addition to all the required and included safety features on LSV's compared to a golf cart, the biggest distinction is the fact that LSV's are considered street-legal that carry a 17-digit vehicles identification number and

meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. LSV's must be registered, plated, titled, and insured, and they can legally be driven on roads with posted speed limits of 30 mph or less. All these provisions make LSV's a lawful form of transportation on Woodhaven's roads, provided they are operated by a licensed driver and have valid and current license plate registration. At Woodhaven, and like all other vehicles permitted for use on Woodhaven's roads, LSV's are subject to Illinois' Rules of the Road.

LSV usage at Woodhaven really has seemed to explode over the past four years. We estimate that there are more than 1,000 LSV's being operated on Woodhaven's roads and with that, we have also experienced an increased number of LSV accidents. Although LSV's are licensed and have additional safety features, they certainly don't operate, respond, or provide the same protections as automobiles. As an LSV owner and operator, please understand that there are some additional safety measures you should take to help reduce potential accidents and ensure both you and your passengers remain safe during your ride.

Please know that everyone riding in an LSV should sit in a designated seat and use an install seat belt. All passengers should keep their hands, arms, legs and belongings inside the vehicle and children should never ride on a driver's or other passengers lap, stand while the vehicle is moving or sit in a cargo area of the vehicle. Please understand that passenger load and weight distribution play a huge role in how the vehicle rides and handles. Sudden, sharp turns have a



high potential to result in vehicle rollovers, even at slower speeds, so please take these factors into consideration when operating an LSV. Also be reminded that open alcohol containers are not allowed in LSV's even by passengers and operating any vehicle while under the influence is against the law and will be strictly enforced.

The use of e-bikes has also exploded in recent years, and we see many being operated, both in accordance and against Woodhaven's Rules and Regulations, on our roadways and trails. The State of Illinois recognizes three different classes of e-bikes in the Illinois Vehicle Code and they are outlined in Woodhaven's Rules and Regulations under Article II Use of Motorized Vehicles, Section 1. Vehicle Restrictions. Currently, Woodhaven only allows Class 1 low-speed electric bicycles to be operated on Woodhaven's roads and trails. Class 1 e-bikes only provide assistance when the rider is pedaling and then stops motorized assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 mph, which just so happens to be the speed limit throughout Woodhaven. While it is very difficult to distinguish between the different classes of e-bikes from afar, a tell-tale sign of an unapproved e-bike is when we see it zooming through Woodhaven without the rider pedaling. While we make our best effort to stop and educate riders of unapproved e-bikes, if we catch riders on unapproved bikes multiple times, we will issue a citation for the violation. As is always the case, safety is at the forefront of our minds. E-bikes can accelerate quickly and often approach pedestrians with little warning. Riders of both e-bikes and bikes should always slow to walking speeds when passing people on shared paths, provide plenty of space, and give a courteous verbal warning or use a bell before passing from behind. E-bike riders should also not weave between vehicles, ride against traffic, or enter an intersection without carefully checking in every direction.

Please also be reminded that all other unlicensed powered vehicles, including e-scooters, are prohibited from use on Woodhaven's roads and trails. Again, our Public Safety Department does its best to educate users of these vehicles, however, their usage has become extremely prolific, and it has become difficult to track down all users of these vehicles when they are being operated. If you do see users of these vehicles, we ask that you contact Public Safety so they can be addressed in a timely manner.

Every safe trip helps protect you, your passengers, your neighbors and helps to preserve the relaxed, welcoming atmosphere that makes Woodhaven special. Whether you are behind the wheel, on a bicycle, e-bike, or walking along the road, stay alert, be courteous, and share the road responsibly.

Lee County Delinquent Tax Auction

After some initial miscommunications, there ultimately will be a Lee County Delinquent Tax sale of six (6) Woodhaven properties, which will be sold by sealed bid with a closing date of August 21, 2026. Sale Catalogs and Bid packets are available at the Association Office, Lee County Treasurer's Office or online at www.iltaxsale.com for \$4.00 each. The minimum bid per lot is \$838.00 and lots will be sold to the highest sealed bidder. All bids must be submitted to the Lee County's Treasurer's Office along with full bid payment by August 21.

2026 Annual Meeting

The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at the Rec Plex Multi-Purpose Room.

The Annual Meeting is a meeting of the Membership and, according to the Association's By-Laws, is to be held sometime in the months of August or September. All members are encouraged to attend, but 1% of Members eligible to vote are needed to make a quorum.

This meeting is an opportunity to learn about your Association's operations, the actions of the Board and management, and to voice your questions, comments, or concerns. The Annual Meeting Agenda and last year's minutes are printed in this issue of the Woodhaven News, pages 10 and 11.

Trailside Center Update

Work continues to progress on the Trailside Center, which will be home to all new fitness equipment, a small computer/business center area, a multi-purpose room that can be used for small group fitness classes or meeting space, and a deck overlooking the improved trail, two family restrooms, and a single shower room. Work remaining includes touching up paint and remaining interior and exterior electrical work. We don't have a firm opening date; however, we hope to be open by early to mid-August. Stay tuned to our website, social media sites, and Leisure Times for more information.



Vote #1



CHARLES MUIR

FOR
WOODHAVEN LAKES BOARD OF DIRECTORS
"LEADERSHIP THAT CARES"

SERVES PRESENTLY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SERVES AS SECRETARY OF THE WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION
SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE
FORMER ESAC BOARD OF REVIEW BOARD LIAISON
PROPERTY OWNER SINCE 1999
OCCUPATION: ILLINOIS LICENSED ARCHITECT
ADVOCATE FOR POSITIVE GROWTH, FISCAL RESPONSIBILIY &
TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INVESTMENT



BALLOT
POSITION
#2

Pam SMITH
for
WOODHAVEN BOARD

Committed to
Stability • Transparency • Community



BOARD MEMBER (2018-2022)



SECTION REPRESENTATIVE ALTERNATE



**5 YEARS SUPPORTING THE
VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS PICNIC**



*Focused on our community.
Committed to getting it done.*



VOTE PAM SMITH | BALLOT
POSITION **#2**

VOTE #3

DIANE CONNELLY



FOR
**WOODHAVEN
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

PROPERTY OWNER FOR 42 YEARS
SECTION REPRESENTATIVE FOR OVER 20 YEARS
BOARD MEMBER FOR LAST 4 YEARS
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR LAST 4 YEARS

**COMMITTED TO MAKING WOODHAVEN ENJOYABLE,
AFFORDABLE, & MEMORABLE FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS**

Elect DIANE CONNELLY as Your Next Board Member

**VOTE
#4**

**HARRY
KOEPPPEL**

HONEST - ETHICAL - IMPARTIAL

- CURRENT BOARD MEMBER
- OVER 50 YEARS AT WOODHAVEN
- PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD OF REVIEW LIAISON
- EXPERIENCED IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATION,
PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND BUDGET
DEVELOPMENT
- COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO PROBLEM
SOLVING



FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE-ELECT

☆☆☆ **CHRIS COLLINS** ☆☆☆

WOODHAVEN LAKES BOARD OF DIRECTORS



#5

- Current Board Member (Vice President)
- Former ESAC committee liaison, section rep, aquatics committee
- Small business owner, first responder, extensive experience in public service, management, finance, and administration
- Fiscally conservative, balancing the need for operational expenses, capital improvements, and owner assessments
- Passionate about Woodhaven Lakes!

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!

2026 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday	April 1	Affidavits available online/Assoc. Office.
Saturday	May 9	Affidavit, Autobiographies and Position Statement due, 4:30p.m., Assoc. Office.
Saturday	June 6	Election Comm. Mtg, 1p.m., Assoc. Office. Deadline for candidate removal from ballot. Deadline for free ad in <i>Woodhaven News</i> Deadline for submitting answers to questions.
Saturday	June 27	Record Candidate Questions and Answers
Sunday	July 5	Meet/Greet table at the Open-Air Market.
M-W	July 13 - 15	Paper Ballots shall be mailed between these dates . Publish Candidate Questions and Answer video to Membership.
Friday	Aug 14	Ballots must be postmarked & received by election company.
Saturday	Aug 15	Ballot adjudication.
Friday	Aug 21	Election results – emailed before 11:00 a.m. to Woodhaven Association Contact and the Election Committee Chairperson.
Saturday	Aug 22	Annual Meeting, August Board Meeting, seat new Board.

THE TACKLE BOX

815-849-5451

**Fishing & Hunting | Bait & Tackle | Snacks
Bottled Water & Soda | Night Crawlers | Shrimp
Wax Worms | Trout Worms | Chicken Liver**

AUGUST HOURS

Sunday.....7 a.m.-3 p.m.
Mon, Wed, & Thurs.....8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday7 a.m.-7 p.m.
TuesdayCLOSED
Sunday 8/307 a.m.-5 p.m.



Charles Muir
Section 8, Lot 29 & 30

What is your main motivating factor for running for the Board?

My family and I have received so much enjoyment over the past 27 years being property owners at Woodhaven Lakes and therefore serving on the Board is a way of me giving back to this great community. With Woodhaven being the premier

camping facility that it is today, I would like to help keep us moving in a positive direction through good leadership, forward thinking and wise decision making.

What strengths would you bring to the Board if elected?

I enjoy working with people, am an encourager, result oriented, and have gained knowledge over the years regarding the workings and procedures of Woodhaven

Another strength is that of "detail". At Woodhaven details are very important, whether it's in programming, contracts, property management, construction, infrastructure, employee relations or working within a budget ... watching the details is the key to Wood haven's success.

As an Architect I have been able to advise the Board, Facility Planning Committee and the Woodhaven staff in ways to enhance many of our recent projects and also helped in cost saving measures implemented on those projects.

What would be the top 3 things you would like to accomplish in your term as a Board Member?

I will continue to encourage and support our staff and committees as we work together to maintain what we have here at Woodhaven and also build towards the future. Whether it's our amenities, initiating new programs and activities, upgrading our buildings and infrastructure or improving our technology. I will support and help implement these initiatives.

Secondly, we need to keep Woodhaven affordable. We have an amazing recreational facility and it is important that we maintain it through a workable budget with assessments that are within reach of our members and that is also attractive to potential new owners. I will continue to strive to keep our assessments affordable.

Finally, I will strive to make Woodhaven a Safe Haven where all its members can enjoy the facility and feel safe while being there. I will continue to encourage the training of our staff, providing the staff with proper equipment and further development of our security systems.

What do you believe your responsibilities will be as a Board Member?

Board Members should work together to represent their fellow Property Owners; to liaison between owners and staff, and to facilitate the operations of the Association through service, cooperative decision making, and sound financial planning.

What previous commitments have you provided the Woodhaven Association?

Current Board Member; AORC Committee, ESAC liaison and Section Representative.



Pam Smith
Section 4, Lot 127 & Section 7 Lot 209

What is your main motivating factor for running for the Board?

My primary motivation is to support the stability, transparency, and long-term success of the Woodhaven community. I want to help ensure decisions are made responsibly, communication is clear, and the community continues to be well-managed and forward-focused.

What strengths would you bring to the Board if elected?

I bring strong organizational skills, clear communication, and a practical, solutions-focused mindset. I am accountable, detail-oriented, and able to balance operational needs with long-term planning while working collaboratively with others.

What would be the top 3 things you would like to accomplish in your term as a Board Member?

1. Improve communication and transparency with residents
2. Strengthen operational efficiency and organization
3. Support long-term financial stability and planning

What do you believe your responsibilities will be as a Board Member?

My responsibilities include acting in the best interest of the entire community, participating in informed decision-making, and providing oversight of the Association's operations and management. This includes maintaining financial and operational accountability, supporting clear communication, and working collaboratively while upholding professionalism and consistency in Board actions.

What previous commitments have you provided the Woodhaven Association?

I served on the Board from 2018 to 2022, stepping away to focus on cancer treatment. Since then, I have remained involved as a Section Representative Alternate and help organize the annual Veterans and First Responders Picnic, now in its fifth year. These roles reflect my continued commitment to the community.



Diane Connelly

Section 20, Lot 31 & 32

What is your main motivating factor for running for the Board?

Being a member of the Board of Directors for the past four years has given me the opportunity to give back to the community. I have learned a lot about the workings of the Board and been involved in the planning of

several major projects that I would like to see completed during the next few years.

What strengths would you bring to the Board if elected?

I think the main strength I would bring to the Board is the experiences I have had over the 42 years I have spent here at Woodhaven. We can learn from the past and prepare for the future. We must always move forward but remember our past and keep some traditions alive. I think I have proven that I am willing to listen to the property owners' concerns and opinions.

What would be the top 3 things you would like to accomplish in your term as a Board Member?

I would like to improve communication with the Board of Directors and property owners. Board members are also property owners, and our problems, concerns, and needs are the same. We need to all work together to keep Woodhaven the great place it is.

The role of Public Safety Officers needs to be better understood. They are the first responders in an emergency, present at events to ensure our safety, and patrol the property continuously. They deserve our respect and cooperation.

I would like to see some of the old traditions and programs brought back. Those of us that have been here a long time remember the Main Event Parades when each section constructed a float, the staff talent shows, the carnivals, champagne croquet, family feud and so many more fun activities that brought people together.

What do you believe your responsibilities will be as a Board Member?

My main responsibility is to represent all property owners by maintaining open communication with them. I need to consider all owners in every decision I make as a Board member. I also need to work with staff to ensure we are all doing our part to make the best decisions we can for our Woodhaven family.

What previous commitments have you provided the Woodhaven Association?

I have served on the Board of Directors for the past four years and as Chairman of the Communications Committee for the same period. I was also a Section Representative for over 20 years.



Harry Koeppel

Section 5, Lot 46 & 47

What is your main motivating factor for running for the Board?

Four generations of my family have enjoyed the amenities offered here at Woodhaven. I have over 50 years of fond memories fishing, hiking, swimming, bike riding, stargazing and campfires. I have watched the

facilities grow and the entertainment change to appeal to all age groups and become what Woodhaven is today. I am currently a director on the association board am running to be re-elected. My main motivating factor for continuing to be on the board of directors is to represent members of all ages and not just certain demographics.

What strengths would you bring to the Board if elected?

I believe my core principles of honesty, integrity and impartiality, along with my down to earth values, represent property owners of all generations. My common sense approach to problem solving is my greatest strength. I am not afraid to ask the difficult questions, and will seek to understand before forming an opinion. Being a wood-working business owner for many years, has afforded me the ability to effectively negotiate contracts, develop million dollar budgets and manage projects to completion.

What would be the top 3 things you would like to accomplish in your term as a Board Member?

In listening to current property owner's I have met, the hottest topic that I plan to address first is keeping Woodhaven affordable for all generations and income levels. As a diverse community we need to remember that not all of our association members are currently employed. We need to come up with creative ways to keep costs down that affect our annual association dues, while making the appropriate decisions concerning our asset replacement and maintenance, which affect our budgets.

Secondly, I would like to ensure that Woodhaven Lakes remains a safe place for all members to enjoy. I would like to see an increase in security measures used at the perimeters of the park.

Lastly, I would like to work with the other members of the board and staff to institute a good neighbor program. By this I mean that if every property owner was considerate of their neighbors on either side of them and this carried on throughout the park, we would all be able to enjoy ourselves in peace. Most of our property owners come to Woodhaven to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life, work, traffic jams and inconsiderate neighbors. When we pass each other on the road we all wave at each other and I love that. Let's continue by keeping our music to a level to be heard only on our own lots, making sure our motion or party lights are not shining on someone else's lot, and adhering to the quiet hours.

What do you believe your responsibilities will be as a Board Member?

My responsibilities as a board member are to ensure all activities are conducted with the property owner's best interest in mind, not that of the board members. I would

steer the association toward fulfilling their mission in the most effective way; while keeping expenses within budget. I hope to continue to offer new innovative ideas to bring more property owners to our piece of heaven, for generations to come.

What previous commitments have you provided the Woodhaven Association?

I have volunteered my time and talent by serving on the board of directors for the last four years, I am the liaison to the public safety board of review. Previously I was a Section Representative for Section 5; and served on the ESAC board of review. In all commitments working hand in hand with staff and property owners.



Chris Collins

Section 12, Lot 48 & Section 26 Lot 145

What is your main motivating factor for running for the Board?

Simply, I love Woodhaven Lakes and everything it has to offer. I want to give back to the community so everyone can enjoy their "happy place" with first rate amenities at reason-

able assessments.

What strengths would you bring to the Board if elected?

I have already served on the Board for over 5 years, the last 4 as Vice President. I have vast experience in public service, management, finance, and administration.

What would be the top 3 things you would like to accomplish in your term as a Board Member?

Keep assessments reasonable, enhance amenities, create opportunities to try new things (entertainment, events, etc).

What do you believe your responsibilities will be as a Board Member?

Assist staff managing operations, budgets, and infrastructure while being responsive to property owner interests and feedback.

What previous commitments have you provided the Woodhaven Association?

Current Board member, ESAC committee liaison, Section Rep, Aquatics Committee, Volunteer

2025 Annual Meeting

Woodhaven Association | Woody, Inc.

Woodhaven Lakes Realty

August 24, 2025 | 11:30 a.m. | Woodhaven Lakes Rec Plex

Present: Chris Collins, Diane Connelly, Harry Koeppel, Charles Muir, Laura Packwood, Dan Rossi, John Shefcik; Staff: Executive Director, Jeff Hickey; and General Manager, Randy Koehler.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. at the Woodhaven Lake Rec Plex. Dan Rossi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dan Rossi asked for the approval of minutes from the 2024 annual meeting. Dick Gobrecht, Section 10 Lot 230, made a motion to approve the minutes. Ryan Grace, Section 18 Lot 18, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Laura Packwood reviewed the audit report that was provided in the Annual Report. Laura referenced page 15 to review the independent audit report from Seldon Fox. Laura indicated that we were given an unqualified opinion, and there were no findings. Laura referenced page 17 to review the balance sheet. Laura referenced page 27-30 to review a breakdown of the assets that are due for major repairs. Laura referenced page 18 to review income and equity. Laura highlighted the change in designated reserve funds on page 19. Laura reviewed the footnotes and highlighted page 23 letter B. On page 24, Laura reviewed the financial statement for fixed assets. The value of the reserve funds can be found on page 25. Laura reviewed footnote E regarding long-term debt.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jeff Hickey thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and introduced staff members that were present. Jeff explained that members can get a 5-year budget plan summary in the December issue of the *Woodhaven News* every year. More details can be found on the owner's side of the website.

Jeff utilized a PowerPoint presentation to explain long-term assets, and how we use that to analyze and project where our reserves need to be to fund future projects. The plan is to raise dues by \$200 for the upcoming fiscal year but the impact of the pool and other projects will apply additional upward pressure.

Jeff thanked the Board and volunteers and the owners. We will find solutions to the challenges we are faced with currently, and this will build the future. In comparison to the market, dues will remain at a comfortable level. The basic goal is to keep Woodhaven at a place where you can use and sell if you need to.

STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dan Rossi read the State of the Association as it is printed in the Annual Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Notification to Allocate Funds for the Solar Panel Project

Jeff reviewed the memo that was presented to the Board at the August 12th meeting regarding the solar improvement project. Membership was encouraged to ask questions and provide

input to the Board on the project that is being presented. Jeff opened it to questions from the membership.

Gregg Swanstrom, Section 4 Lot 183, asked if an assessment has been done on the locations that will have the panels to see if any structural enhancements will need to be added. Jeff said that all sites have been evaluated by Arrow Group.

Dave Dagenais, Section 1 lot 84, asked for clarification on the payback time. Jeff explained that the 5-year payback is based on the current electric rate. With higher rates, the electric charges will increase, so the savings will grow and be bigger.

Glen Gronke, Section 5 Lot 405, asked who is going to be maintaining the solar panels and making repairs. Jeff explained that we will be responsible for repairing the solar panels short of any warranty issues. Glen asked if a storm came through and destroyed the panels then we would be responsible for replacing them. Jeff said it would be turned into insurance and would then be replaced. Glen asked about the safety issues regarding any leaks or damage. Jeff stated that the panels don't have any fluid involved with them. The warranties included are a 5-year workmanship and 25 years on the panels. The inverter has an estimated 15-year life. There is an inverter for every 4 panels.

Dan stated that this topic is on the agenda for the regular Board meeting today at 1:00 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dan stated that the Board could not run as efficiently as they do without the help from all the committees. Dan asked that any committee members present at the meeting please stand when their committee is named to be recognized which included ESAC Board of Review, Public Safety Board of Review, Facilities Planning Committee, Finance Committee, Communications Committee, Deer Management Ad-Hoc Committee, Audit Committee, Environmental Committee, and Section Representatives Committee (member list was read by Laurie Picha). Dan reminded everyone that there will be openings on some of the committees, and it is a re-election year for all committee members. The Board will review applications and make new appointments in January. Laura added that there are three sections that do not have a section representative. Anyone interested can meet with Laurie.

MEMBER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Kris Prangle, Section 24 Lot 69

Kris asked Laura about the grounds reserve from page 24 of the annual Report that was referred to. Jeff explained that it is the trails and common area. Kris stated there is a tree on common ground that is damaging her culvert, and staff told her that it was her responsibility to remove it. Kris wants to know why. Dan stated they are not familiar with this, so he referred her to any of the General Managers if she hasn't already.

Kris asked what projects that the Section Reps help the Board with. Dan stated they are disseminating information to the lot owners that they represent.

Kris asked if the annual meeting video be on YouTube. Sam confirmed yes. Kris asked how these can be loaded to our website because many meetings are not available on YouTube. Sam said the links are posted on the website.

Deena Barlow, Section 24 Lots 88 & 89

Deena stated she cannot use her address here to register her golf cart and cannot use her Florida address either because it doesn't go back to Florida. Deena had to use her niece's address to register it. She asked if a pass can be issued to drive it in Woodhaven without having to register it. Dan suggested a speak up sheet be submitted and confirmed it is an LSV.

Glen Gronke, Section 5 Lot 405

Glen asked if we have any regulations regarding drones being flown over property. Jeff said there is nothing in the rules right now. Glen asked if there can be regulations on that. Chris said there are regulations regarding drones in both the state and FAA. Glen wants regulations for Woodhaven specifically because drones were being flown over his lot, and he is concerned about his wife and children. Chris said it can be investigated. Dan stated that in January the Board begins looking into rules that need changed, removed, or added.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Connelly, Section 20 Lots 31 & 32, made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Nancy Nieslawski, Section 1 Lot 15, seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

AGENDA

Annual Meeting

Woodhaven Lakes Association
Woody Inc.
Woodhaven Lakes Realty Inc.

Saturday, August 22, 2026
9 a.m.

Location: Rec Plex Multi-Purpose Room

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Executive Director Report
- E. State of the Association
- F. New Business
- G. Acknowledgements
- H. Member Business from the Floor
- I. Adjournment



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Memorial Tree Program

Our Memorial Tree Program continues to blossom and we are excited to share a few changes that have come for 2026!

This year we've updated the Memorial Tree Program by bringing in a fresh set of tree options for both Ornamental and Hardwood selections. We've also made a slight adjustment to location options.

Location 1:

Pine Lake Memorial Trail, which will be highlighted on the 2026 maps, will continue to be available for the placement of Ornamental trees.

Location 2 (NEW):

You now have the option to have either an Ornamental or Hardwood tree placed directly on your lot!

As in years past, each memorial tree will include mulching, a commemorative plaque, and an initial application of deer repellent.

Planting is planned for late fall or early winter of this year, weather permitting. To be included in this year's Memorial Tree Program, we kindly ask that completed order forms be submitted by August 25th.

The cost for this program is \$225.00. For more information or to complete an order form, please contact Kinsey or Nicci at the Association Office (815-849-5209).

Ornamental Tree Options



Crab Apple - Prairiefire



Crab Apple - Coral Burst



Redbud - Carolina Sweetheart



Redbud - Whitebud

Hardwood Tree Options



Brandywine Maple



October Glory Maple



Oak



Locust - Purple Robe



PUBLIC SAFETY & ESAC CITATIONS

ESAC CITATIONS - JUNE

Sec/Lot	Violation	Sec/Lot	Violation
1/48	Holes/rotten wood on patio; holes/rotten wood on shed	15/179	Over 4" space between deck spindles
2/23	RV cord plugged into extension/adapter	16/73	RV service door not secure; rotten wood on room
3/26	PM less than 15' from front; rotten wood on shed	16/106	Building materials - blocks, lumber
4/11	No current registration on file for LSV	16/160	Hole in room roof/roof and soffit deteriorated
4/211	Plywood patch on skirting; bldg. materials	17/54	Bldg materials - fire pit blocks, timbers, misc items
5/157	Deck skirting not properly set	17/62	RV permit not complete - needs survey; RV 33" from line
5/162	Corner of shed open	17/80	Loose spindles on deck railing; rotten wood on room
5/163	Plywood patch/metal vent pipe on side of RV	17/94	Tape on RV; shed roofs deteriorated; rotten wood on shed
5/386	Tape on RV; RV awning damaged	17/159	No permit for patios; 536 sq ft patios; cords plugged in
5/412	Tape on flex line; RV seam open	17/245	Corner of RV tip-out open
7/13	Yard décor along roadway	17/267	Tarp on RV (since June 2025)
7/33	Material in the RV vent	20/35	No registration on file for LSV
8/3	Rotten wood on room; damaged A/C cover, floor tiles	21/13	Spray foam/rotten/exposed wood on PM; hole in deck
8/5	Bldg. materials - timbers, blocks	21/17	No glass on room wall; RV seam open; rotten wood on shed
8/7	Miscellaneous building materials	21/43	Damaged pergola
8/109	No current registration on file for LSV	21/163	Building materials - blocks
9/69	Building materials - lumber	21/226	Siding missing from RV
9/182	Rotten wood on shed	22/1	POH damaged by snow
10/87	RV cord plugged into extension cord	22/90	Damaged screens, screen door on room
10/119	Building materials - PVC pipe	24/232	Holes/rotten wood on shed; damaged shingles on shed
10/162	Wood pile over rear line	25/85	RV awning damaged; rotten wood on platform; bldg. mat.
10/225	No current registration on file for LSV	26/39	Building materials - railroad ties, pipes, timbers, gravel
10/248	Rotten wood on shed; shed roof deteriorated	26/84	Damaged/missing RV skirting; bldg. mat - railroad ties
11/118	No cover on RV cord opening; loose siding on room	26/97	Lights supported by trees
11/167	Building materials - blocks	26/171	Hole/rotten wood on shed; damaged screens on room
11/207	RV/deck permit not complete; no cap on RV port	27/76	Rotten wood on shed
11/232	Loose cap on sewer; bldg. mat - blocks, LP tank	27/104	Building materials - blocks
12/20	No permit for gravel; siding on part of shed walls	28/6	RV cord plugged into adapter; exposed wires on RV cord
12/64	Building materials - lumber, bricks, railroad ties	28/142	RV service door trim damaged; damaged/missing skirting
13/54	Building materials - landscape timbers	29/355	Room missing siding; misc building materials
15/100	Tarp over shed (since May 2025)	29/356	Shed less than 5' from line; exposed wires; bldg. materials
15/139	Patio less than 15' from front line		
15/151	Rotten wood on shed; damaged locker; bldg. materials		

PUBLIC SAFETY CITATIONS - JUNE

Sec/Lot	Owner/Guest	Offense	Sec/Lot	Owner/Guest	Offense
7/45	Guest	Prohibited for any person to take any type of refuse whether ground or dumpster	15/98	Owner	Public Nuisance: Repeated use of profanity
7/45	Guest	Operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license	18/35	Guest	Burning building materials
7/150	Owner	Pass misuse	21/228	Owner	Speeding 32 in a posted 20 mph zone
10/56	Owner	Failure to comply	23/9	Guest	Open alcohol seal
10/244	Owner	Misuse of refuse container at Maintenance (6 tires)	23/169	Guest	Swimming outside of posted hours
10/160	Guest	Motorized vehicles are prohibited on trails	23/169	Guest	Swimming outside of posted hours
10/227	Owner	Unattended fire	28/120	Owner	Repeated use of profanity
11/259	Owner	Failure to comply	28/120	Owner	Prohibited use of racial/ethnic slurs
11/320	Owner	Overnight parking in any lot is prohibited without permission	28/120	Owner	Disorderly conduct
15/98	Owner	Disorderly conduct	29/127	Guest	Failure to comply
			29/236	Guest	Pet nuisance - loose dog threatening passerby



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Sect. 1	Nancy Nieslawski	15		
Sect. 2	Pat Sirbas	278-279	Jane Elliott	215-6
Sect. 3	Maria Dellegrazio	68	Judy Gonzalez	91
Sect. 4	Gregg Swanstrom	183	Pamela Smith	127
Sect. 5	Pat Looby	402-403	Dale Fildes	290
Sect. 6	Michael Flanigan	6		
Sect. 7	Karen Larson	194	Lee Patterson	6-7
Sect. 8	Linda Smith	31	Mary Muir	29-30
Sect. 9	Jack Meyers	88-90		
Sect. 10	Bob Palatine	284-285	Tony Lona	219
Sect. 11	Rosa Galarza	69	Olga Scholz	70
Sect. 12	Heather Hansen	48		
Sect. 13	Missy Silfies	50		
Sect. 14	Lee Campbell	89		
Sect. 15	Elaine Ayres	61		
Sect. 16	Ernest Mitchell	79-80	Rich Ziegenfuss	132-134
Sect. 17	Diana Fontanez	247	Darlene Singleton	8
Sect. 18	---			
Sect. 19	---			
Sect. 20	Anthony Sarullo	20	Mike Connelly	31-32
Sect. 21	Shaunta Stocking	251-252	Joe Sedevic	36
Sect. 22	Kim Gibas	104		
Sect. 23	Brenda Kriss	104-105	Rita Olsen	48
Sect. 24	Laurie Picha	9-11	Phyllis Sippel	126
Sect. 25	Ryan Davidson	125	Kurt Benda	114
Sect. 26	Jacqueline Foulk	1	Scott McManus	2 & 3
Sect. 27	Donna Sportun	94	Milagros Irizarry	
Sect. 28	---			
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02/183	LINDSAY K RUGGIERI	HARWOOD HEIGHTS IL
04/20	DARRYL L RUSSELL	NORTH FORT MYERS FL
04/211	CELESTE MARTINEZ	AURORA IL
05/72	SERGIO GONZALEZ HERNANDEZ	DES PLAINES IL
05/73	MARCELO F ROJAS	URBANA IL
05/355	ROBERT P WEINGART	STREAMWOOD IL
06/21	MICHAEL SWICK	CLARKSVILLE TN
06/22	JOSE A SALGADO JR	CHICAGO IL
06/98	AMELIA T PACHECO	ELMWOOD PARK IL
10/291	TOMASZ J WOJOWICZ	MOUNT PROSPECT IL
10/292	RAFAL PIOTROWSKI	NILES IL
10/298	ROBERTO D CUBERO	BERWYN IL
11/224	DANIEL MEZA	CHICAGO IL
11/247	CESAR LUIS CAPO	CHICAGO IL
13/38	NATHAN L BARGO	DANVILLE IL
13/86	DARRYL D PORTER	CHICAGO IL
13/93	JUAN A FALCON	RIVERGROVE IL
17/44	DOLORES S MARTINEZ	STICKNEY IL
17/154	WILLIAM WHITE	SAINT CHARLES IL
17/155	MICHELE R YARBROUGH-BEACHUM	PALM BAY FL
21/80	CECILIA MILAZZO	VILLA PARK IL
21/154	SHELLY M MC REYNOLDS	MANHATTAN IL
21/160	ERIN R LEWIS	PLANO IL
21/161	ERIN R LEWIS	PLANO IL
21/197	PEDRO J BAHENA	CARPENTERSVILLE IL
22/103	ETHAN M SASSAMAN	WINNEBAGO IL
23/103	ANTONIO VILLEGAS	ELMHURST IL
24/007	KELLY FRAZIER	SANDWICH IL
26/8827	DANIEL SILVA	CHICAGO IL
26028	DANIEL SILVA	CHICAGO IL
27099	JOSE L PEREZ	CHICAGO IL
27114	WALTER C CHESHIRE	FRANKFORT IL
28060	FRANK FEHER	FLORENCE AZ
29150	STEPHEN C SODARO	DOWNERS GROVE IL



BOARD NEWS & MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD ACTION REPORT

The following actions were taken or reported by the Board of Directors at their June 27th, 2026, meeting:

Full meeting minutes will be posted to the Members tab on our website after approval at the July 25th, 2026 meeting.

1. Motion was made to approve the May 23, 2026 – Board of Directors meeting minutes. Motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 abstention.
2. Motion was made to accept the ESAC Board of Review recommendations as written. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made to accept the Public Safety Board of Review recommendations as written. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion was made to accept the bid from Turner Concrete for the administration sidewalk replacement project at a cost of \$16,135. Motion passed unanimously.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER LIST

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

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Please see the online Event Calendar for details. Board meeting agendas will be posted to Facebook prior to each meeting.

JULY 25th

Board of Directors' Meeting, Rec Plex Multi-Purpose 9 a.m.

AUGUST

8th	Facilities Planning Committee, Association Office	11 a.m.
11th	Board of Directors' Meeting, NIU Conference Center	7 p.m.
15th	Communications Comm. Mtg, Rec Plex Creation Station	8 a.m.
15th	Finance Committee Meeting, Association Office	8:30 a.m.
15th	Section Representatives' Committee Mtg., Rec Plex	9:30 a.m.
22nd	Annual Membership Meeting, Rec Plex	9 a.m.
22nd	Board of Directors Meeting, Rec Plex Multi-Purp.	11:30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

8th	Board of Directors' Meeting, NIU Conference Center	7 p.m.
12th	Facilities Planning Meeting, Association Office	11 a.m.
19th	Communications Comm. Mtg, Rec Plex Creation Station	8 a.m.
19th	Finance Committee Meeting, Association Office	8:30 a.m.
19th	Section Representatives' Committee Mtg., Rec Plex	9:30 a.m.
22nd	Board of Directors' Meeting, NIU Conference Center	7 p.m.

*Board Meeting Location: Northern Illinois University
Naperville Conference Center
1120 E. Diehl Rd. Naperville, IL 60563*

WOODY SAYS.....



2026 Board Election
Ballots have been mailed
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NOTES FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting August 22, 9 a.m.
- Make sure to check the online calendar and Leisure Times as the season winds down and facility hours begin to change.
- 2026 Board Election Ballots have been mailed – make sure to cast your votes!

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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3 Water Fitness: P1	4 Water Fitness: P1	5 Water Fitness: P1	6 Family Fun Night	7 Water Fitness: P1 Night Swim: P1	8 Cartoon Comeback 9 Family Movie (Dusk) Band: The Sting Rays Night Swim: P1 Water Fitness: P1	Aqua Zumba: P1
10 Water Fitness: P1	11 Board of Directors' Meeting 7pm NIU Conf. Center Water Fitness: P1	12 Pool 2 CLOSED Water Fitness: P1	13 Water Fitness: P1	14 Water Fitness: P1	15 Board Game Blowout 16 Family Movie (Dusk) Band: Crosstown Classics Night Swim: P1 Water Fitness: P1	Aqua Zumba: P1
17 Water Fitness: P1	18 Water Fitness: P1	19 Pool 2 CLOSED Water Fitness: P1	20 Water Fitness: P1	21 Water Fitness: P1	22 Blast From The Past 23 Annual Membership Mtg & Board of Directors' Mtg Rec Plex Multi-Purpose Room August Hill Wine Tasting Family Movie (Dusk) Band: Chicago Latin Groove Water Fitness: P1	Aqua Zumba: P1
24 Water Fitness: P1	25 Pool 2 CLOSED	26 Pool 2 CLOSED	27 Water Fitness: P1	28 Water Fitness: P1	29 The Future Awaits 30 Family Movie (Dusk) Band: Nick Falco Water Fitness: P1	Aqua Zumba: P1
31 Water Fitness: P1	Water Fitness: P1	Water Fitness: P1	Water Fitness: P1	Water Fitness: P1		

RECREATION & ACTIVITIES

Main Event 2026- Summer Rewind

Join us at your very own Summer Rewind Weekend as we celebrate Main Event! We'll have a dance party on Friday at the Pavilion to kick-off Main Event Weekend! Friday night will also bring back a wine and cheese social for adults 21+ at the Lakeview Building. Saturday will bring the Open Market, Food Fair, Family Entertainment, Headline Entertainment...and best of all, FIREWORKS! The good times keep on coming on Sunday with the Classic Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, Food Fair, Family Entertainment, and Children's Activities.

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL | FRIDAY, JULY 31ST, ADULTS 21 AND OLDER

Adults will get an early start to Main Event Weekend with wine and cheese at the Lakeview Building. Come sample a variety of beverages and cheeses while enjoying the atmosphere as we press play on our Main Event Celebration! Participants must be at least 21 years old and have valid identification.

MAIN EVENT KICK-OFF PARTY | FRIDAY, JULY 31ST, 7 P.M.

Bring your fellow campers and jam out to some of your favorite songs! We will have a DJ at the Pavilion from 7-10 p.m. playing songs that will make you wanna dance! Come help us kick off the Main Event festivities, and possibly come home with a prize (or two)! All ages are welcome!

OPEN AIR MARKET | SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Our fourth Open Air Market of the year will be held during Main Event Weekend. More booths.... means more to choose from! You will find a variety of wares from household goods to jewelry. Don't miss the bargains! *Main Event Open Market will be held on Saturday*

ROLLER SKATING RINK | AUGUST 1ST & 2ND

Let's Skate! Head on over to the Rec Plex parking lot from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday to Roller Skate the day away! The rink will be set up outside of the Rec Plex and skates will be provided! First timer or a seasoned pro, everyone will have fun on this rink!

MAIN EVENT HEADLINER: SODA | SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST 7 P.M.-10 P.M.

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FIREWORKS | SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, DARK

Come watch the night light up at Woodhaven's annual fireworks show! Always a favorite, come to the Pool 2/ Beach/Amphitheater area with blankets and chairs with all your family and friends to enjoy the show!

CLASSIC CAR, TRUCK, & MOTORCYCLE SHOW | SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 12 P.M. - 3 P.M.

Come see cars, trucks, and motorcycles from all eras at the Rec Plex on Sunday from 12-3 p.m. If you have a car you would like to register, forms are available at the Association Office. Previous participants should have received registration forms by mail. Remember to keep your hands off of the vehicles!

ROOT BEER FLOAT SOCIAL | SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1 P.M.

Join us in celebrating Woodhaven at the Root Beer Float Social. We will begin serving at 1 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Room. We will be serving a favorite from the 50s – Rootbeer Floats. We will serve until gone. Floats will be prepared by the Recreation Department, Board of Directors, and volunteers. Make sure you stop by and enjoy a tasty treat! (\$1)

LABOR DAY WEEKEND September 5-6

As the last days of summer approach, Woodhaven Lakes prepares for its annual Labor Day Weekend celebration— full of live music, food trucks, & a weekend you'll never forget! Whether you're winding down the summer season or simply soaking up the friendship of fellow campers, Labor Day Weekend at Woodhaven Lakes offers a perfect blend of relaxation and joyful celebration, leaving guests with a treasure trove of memories to carry into fall.

BMX BIKE SHOW | SEPTEMBER 5TH & 6TH

WOW look at that jump! We love hosting this amazing show, and they are back for Labor Day Weekend! Head over to the Rec Plex Lawn to watch the BMX team perform crazy cool tricks. With shows 3 times a day there are plenty of opportunities to catch a show. The team also goes over bike safety, and helpful tips and tricks to new riders. This show is family friendly & for all ages, we hope to see you there!

OPEN AIR MARKET | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Woodhaven will hold its 5th Open Market of the season 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Many of the crafters and artisans will begin sharing seasonal and holiday items they have prepared for the fall and winter season that awaits! Don't miss this opportunity to find that thing you've been looking for to keep at your camper or home!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT | SATURDAY, SEPT 5TH | CADILLAC GROOVE

There are sweet grooves, good grooves, and great grooves – and then there's the Cadillac Groove. Jump into the purple caddy for a fun ride through Southern Rock, Blues, Funk, R&B, Soul, and all points in between. You'll find yourself singing along as Cadillac Groove puts their unique, high energy touch on the songs you know and love!

SUNDAY, SEPT 6TH | VALIUS

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ESAC CORNER

susan mcgraw, esac manager

The following are some questions and answers we hope will be helpful with your current and future construction plans.

When do I need a permit? Any additions, changes to or relocation of existing improvements requires a permit. When in doubt, contact ESAC. Our office can assist you with the correct permit for your construction. One of ESAC's responsibilities is to be certain improvements to your lot comply with the Rules and Regulations. If you are relocating a structure or "refreshing" or adding gravel to an existing patio, driveway or walkway, ESAC needs to be certain the setback requirements are still met, and the gravel area didn't increase. This latter problem can occur for many reasons, including the fact that gravel "travels" if not contained by timbers. What you intend as a topcoat of gravel may result in an area which exceeds the permitted square footage or setback requirements. We definitely don't want you to have to remove excess gravel if it can be avoided.

When should I obtain the permit? The ESAC Office is allowed three business days to approve a permit. This allows our inspectors time to check the pins and notify you of any problems with the boundary markers.

When is a lot pinning needed? A pinning inspection to locate your property boundary markers is required when a First-Class Permit is requested and there has been no pinning or survey within the prior 12 months. You may also request an inspection in conjunction with planned construction or changes to a lot, or simply because you wish to identify your property lines. Requesting a pinning during the construction planning stage is an excellent idea to prevent possible issues delaying your construction.

What if I have a question about the Rules and Regulations? The ESAC staff are always willing to answer your questions and assist you with your construction plans. Friends, neighbors and others at Woodhaven might be happy to answer your questions, but even with the best of intentions, they might not be aware of the current Rules and Regulations. Talking to ESAC first is always a good idea.

What if I want to hire someone to do the work? ESAC maintains a list of contractors who have registered to perform work at Woodhaven. Registered contractors have paid an annual fee and provided proof of liability insurance and Worker's Compensation insurance if applicable. If you call or visit ESAC, we would be happy to provide you with a copy of the list. The list can also be obtained at the ESAC Information Station in the lobby of the Association office, on the Woodhaven website and on Woodhaven's app. Please be advised that the Association cannot guarantee nor be held responsible for the work done or agreements made between you and a contractor. It is recommended you request a detailed written contract with the contractor before any work is done or payment is made. It is always a good idea to request from the prospective contractor; other property owners they have conducted business with for a recommendation. The Association in no way recommends one contractor over another.

While one of ESAC's responsibilities is to ensure compliance with the Rules and Regulations as they relate to lot development, we strongly encourage you to look to ESAC for assistance with your plans, the construction process and any questions you might have.



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new environmental manager

Hello! I'm your new Environmental Manager, and I'm excited to be a part of the Woodhaven Lakes community! You may have already spotted me this spring pulling invasive garlic mustard by the main gate, met me while assessing trees on your property, or even seen me behind the counter at The Tackle Box. As Environmental Manager, I'll be overseeing everything from tree removal permits and resource requests to invasive species removal, wildlife management, and caring for the natural spaces that make Woodhaven such a special place.

My love for the outdoors began long before my career. I grew up in Nepal, where I spent as much time outside as possible—mountain biking, hiking, and birdwatching whenever I had the chance! These days, I still love being outside, whether I'm kayaking, fishing, volunteering at Starved Rock State Park, or, more recently, enjoying an occasional pickleball match. At home, you'll find me tending my many houseplants, tackling a craft project, playing a board game with my husband, Jacob—with our cat, Tod, never too far away!

That lifelong appreciation for nature led me to earn a B.S. in Science Education with a concentration in Biology from Olivet Nazarene University. Along the way, I've enjoyed serving through conservation and habitat restoration projects and became a certified Master Naturalist through the University of Illinois Extension. I'm excited to continue learning and growing in this role, and I look forward to collaborating with the Woodhaven Lakes community to care for our nature preserves, common grounds, and lakes so they can be enjoyed for generations to come. Be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to help in caring for our natural areas, as I hope to bring back the Nature Club or a similar type of group!

One of my favorite quotes comes from Aldo Leopold: "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise." I hope to live out that philosophy by doing the "right thing" for both our community and the natural habitat, here at Woodhaven. If you see me around property, please don't hesitate to say hello—I look forward to getting to know you!



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RESOURCE NEWS

resource(ful) information

Deer count summary:

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
1/3/2024	304	350	143	Overcast, 36°, light winds
2/6/2024	324	373	153	Overcast, 44°, Light S winds
2/20/2024	367	422	173	Clear, 56°, 18mph SW winds
3/5/2024	306	352	144	Overcast, 42°, 6mph N winds
8/21/2024	253	291	119	Clear, 74°, 7mph NNW winds
11/7/2024	235	270	111	Clear, 50°, light WNW winds
11/20/2024	253	291	119	Cloudy/snow flurries, 40°, 19mph W winds
12/11/2024	179	206	84	Cloudy/Windy 14°, 20mph NW winds
12/18/2024	257	296	121	Cloudy, 28°, 12mph WNW winds
1/8/2025	265	305	125	Cloudy, 25°, 8mph WNW winds
1/22/2025	341	392	161	Cloudy, 19°, 13mph, SW winds
2/5/2025	330	380	156	Overcast, 30°, 10mph ESE winds
2/19/2025	230	265	108	Overcast, 12°, 14mph NW winds
3/6/2025	295	338	139	Sunny, 38°, 12mph W winds
8/20/2025	179	206	84	Clear, 75°, 7mph NE winds
11/5/2025	225	259	106	Sunny, 54°, 16mph S winds
11/20/2025	307	353	145	Cloudy, 48°, 5mph NE winds
12/03/2025	239	275	113	Overcast, 26°, 15mph SE winds
12/17/2025	309	355	146	Sunny, 35°, 12mph WNW winds
1/07/2026	393	452	185	Clear, 46°, 9mph NW winds
1/21/2026	394	453	186	Overcast, 34°, 13mph NE winds
2/4/2026	387	445	182	Sunny, 29°, 6mph SE winds
2/18/2026	293	337	138	Sunny, 60°, 17mph WSW winds
3/5/2026	217	250	102	Sunny, 56°, 8moh NE winds

Tree Planter Boxes

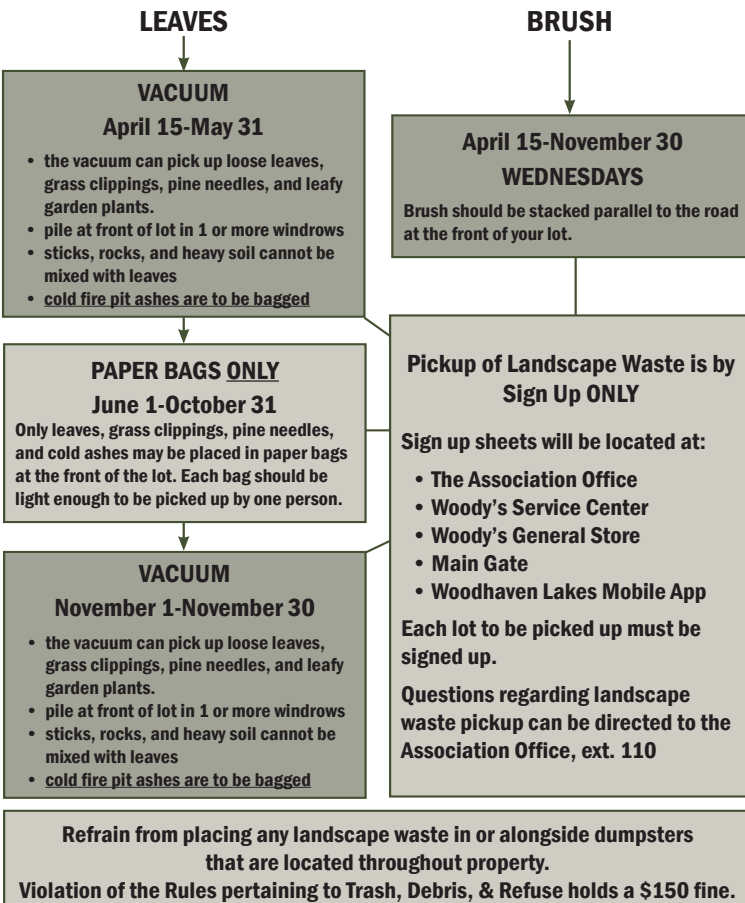
If you have been to the Rec Plex area this summer, you may have noticed some vibrant tree planter boxes. The Resource department had the pleasure of building 4 of these over the winter. These 4 planter boxes are built almost entirely from recycled wood that would have made its way in the dumpster otherwise. We decided to take the wood and build these wonderful planter boxes. They are the permanent home to Japanese Lilac trees which are great for this kind of environment. The wood pieces that are supporting the tree should only need to remain in place for a few years until the tree has a strong root base within the box. Being a campground association, we feel strongly to protect the environment and these help bring some nature into the “middle” of the parking lot.



DAILY CATCH LIMITS AND RULES - 2026

1. **Woodhaven Lake** - largemouth bass - harvest up to 3 fish under 12 inches and “Catch & Release” on fish 12 inches and greater. Walleye - limit 2 per day (16 in minimum length)
2. **Bass Lake** - largemouth bass - harvest up to 3 fish under 12 inches and “Catch & Release” on fish 12 inches and greater.
3. **Pine, Sunset, Black Oak, Hidden & Bluegill lakes** - 1 largemouth bass/day, 14 inch minimum length limit.
4. **All Lakes** - 15 fish combined catch limit on bluegill and redear species.
5. **All lakes** - 15 fish limit on crappie
6. **All Lakes** - 4 fish limit on channel catfish.
7. **All lakes** - return grass carp to the lake
8. **All lakes** - No limit on common carp, bullhead, and green sunfish species.
9. **All lakes** - NO MINNOWS: using live minnows can introduce unwanted species/organisms into our lakes.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **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.

LANDSCAPE WASTE LOT-to-LOT PICKUP PROCEDURE





NATURALIST CORNER

alyssa rod, nature center coordinator

As we move into August, the heavy heat settles over Northern Illinois, but our local prairies and natural areas come alive with a stunning late-summer burst of color. While many woodland plants begin to fade under the sun, a vibrant array of native prairie wildflowers reach their peak bloom. Resilient perennials like the blazingstar, yellow coneflower, and the towering prairie dock are thriving right now. These plants have deep root systems to handle the August dry spells, rewarding anyone visiting our local preserves with a sea of gold and purple. It is a wonderful time to notice how these native species manage the heat and fill the landscape with color.



This floral abundance sets the perfect stage for the many butterflies, moths, and caterpillars active around the area this month. August is a critical time for monarchs especially, as they feast heavily on nectar from late-blooming asters and goldenrods to fuel up for their monumental autumn migration. You can easily spot them alongside red admirals, swallowtails, and sulphurs, all looking for plants to feed on or lay eggs on. Taking a few minutes to look for these beautiful bugs is a great summer activity, and you can easily encourage them into your own yard by planting native perennials like wild bergamot or rough blazingstar to help them through the season.

August at the Nature Center: Explore the Nature Center this summer to discover our new exhibits, displays, and activities all about nature! This year we're focusing on glaciers, ponds, life in the 1800s, and a celebration of America's 250 with a display on the National Park Service including a weekly park/unit focus! Make sure to stop by the Nature Center every weekend to join us in creating a free nature craft or joining the nature fun offered that weekend. We'll see you soon at one of the amazing new and returning programs below being offered this month!

CHAINSaw WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATIONS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 | NATURE CENTER PAVILION

Chainsaw carving transforms rugged logs into intricate sculptures by combining heavy machinery with the delicate precision of fine art. Spend the day watching Top Notch Chainsaw create a stunning wildlife art piece from a tree stump! Bring a chair or blanket and settle in to see what he creates.

NATIONAL PARKS BINGO

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 | NATURE CENTER PAVILION

All ages are welcome to join the Nature Center for a unique game of National Parks BINGO! This is your chance to learn about our National Parks, especially the big 63, while trying to win fun BINGO prizes. Bring a friend, a chair/blanket, and join the fun!

NATURE CENTER FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 & 2

NATURE CENTER OPEN HOURS

BASKET GIVEAWAY AT 3 P.M. SUNDAY

Stop by the Nature Center Yard to pick up some of your favorite food goodies! We plan to have jams, honey, pastries, sourdough, kettle corn, fruits, veggies, plants, meats, popsicles, and more, weather permitting. **Farmer's Market Basket Giveaway:** Sign-up on Saturday and Sunday for your chance to win a basket of goodies from the Farmer's Market vendors. Please only ONE entry per lot. Winners will be announced at the Nature Center on Sunday 3 p.m. Those not present will be notified via phone and must pick up at the time the call is made, or another winner is immediately drawn. Basket must be picked up by 3:45 p.m. or a new winner will be selected.

MINI - NATURE CENTER FARMER'S MARKET

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 - 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

NATURE CENTER FRONT YARD

Stop by for a sweet honey treat! Johnson's Honey Farm and Meddling Sheep Mushrooms will be set up in the Nature Center yard selling your favorite honeys, Amish treats, mushrooms, and more over the weekend.

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

Let's take a closer look at a couple of native prairie plants in the blazingstar family! Prairie Blazingstar (*Liatris pycnostachya*) and Rough Blazingstar (*Liatris aspera*) are both medium-sized purple flowers that are found in the tall grass prairies of Illinois. Both are very common across the entire state and much of the Midwest from the Dakotas east to the Atlantic Ocean. The only difference is that the rough blazingstar is not found in the southeastern corner. There are other types of blazingstar found in Illinois, but they are not as commonly found.

Looking closer at the prairie blazingstar, this plant can reach up to 4 feet tall and is comprised of a single stalk covered in flowerheads. The flowerheads individually have five to ten pink to purplish-pink flowers that are about ¼ to ½ inch in size. The flowers

start to bloom in late summer and last about a month. Afterwards, seeds are produced that look like light brown tufts of hair that easily float on the wind to be redistributed elsewhere. The leaves near the base of the stalk grow up to ten inches long and ½ inch wide, becoming progressively smaller as they climb the stem. These linear leaves are numerous and alternate all around the stem. This plant is widely distributed and will grow in larger colonies.



The rough blazingstar can reach anywhere from two feet to five feet tall and is also comprised of a single stalk which is two-thirds covered in flowerheads. Unlike the prairie blazingstar, these flowers are ball-shaped and separated along the stalk. Flowerheads are pink or purplish-pink and are about one inch across in size. These button-shaped flowers bloom in late summer to early fall and last about three weeks, blooming from the top of the flowering stalk and downward. Seeds have large tufts of stiff hair that are light brown and float on the wind. The leaves near the base of the stalk can be up to twelve inches long and one inch wide, becoming shorter and narrower as they move up the stalk alternately. This plant is widely distributed but rarely creates large colonies in native environments.



Both plant species will use habitats that include mesic to dry black soil prairies, sand prairies, savannas, limestone glades, and open areas along railroads. The flowers are pollinated mostly by long-tongued bees, butterflies, and skippers. This

includes honeybees, bumblebees, miner bees, monarchs, swallowtails, painted ladies, and the caterpillar of the Schinia gloriosa moth. Mammals include deer, rabbits, groundhogs, and voles. An overpopulation of these mammals can make establishment of these plants difficult in some areas.

Fun fact: The prairie blazingstar resembles a fairy wand! The rough blazingstar is also known as button blazingstar!

Nature Center HOURS :

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: CLOSED

CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

Chapel in the Woods began shortly after the development of the Woodhaven Lakes property. Informal gatherings were held each Sunday led by a lay minister. As in the past, services are inter-denominational and Bible based. Speakers and special music guests are used for worship, prayer, and fellowship.

Summer 2026 Schedule

Aug. 2Mike Hammerle

Aug. 9 Gil Valenzuela

Aug. 16Dave & Linda Logston

Aug. 23 Rick Carder

Aug. 30 Mark Derry

Sept. 6 Judith Montgomery

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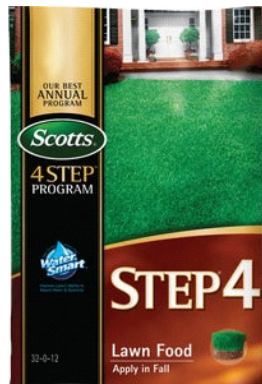
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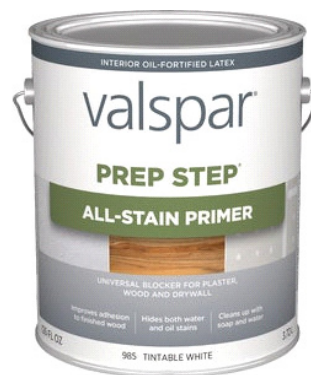
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2/141-2	\$55,000
2/160	\$47,500
2/256	\$34,900
2/262	\$29,900
2/266-7	\$27,500
3/58-9	\$65,000
3/165	\$19,900
4/213	\$34,900
5/308	\$56,900
5/312	\$27,900
5/334	\$12,000
5/356	\$59,900
5/420	\$93,000
5/492	\$45,000
5/498	\$34,900
6/45	\$26,900
6/57-8	\$73,900
6/126	\$17,900
7/98	\$57,500
7/150	\$79,900
7/160	\$55,000
7/206	\$64,900
8/36	\$19,500
8/50-1	\$33,000
8/110	\$39,997
8/119-20	\$64,900

9/46	\$27,900
9/85-6	\$42,300
9/131	\$46,900
9/181	\$28,500
9/200	\$78,900
9/219	\$39,900
10/40	\$29,900
10/65	\$44,900
10/162	\$140,000
11/113	\$42,900
11/114	\$20,000
11/166	\$15,000
11/221	\$52,000
12/23	\$34,700
12/58-9	\$91,000
13/89	\$25,900
13/109	\$38,000
14/33	\$12,000
14/85-6	\$55,000
15/57	\$69,500
15/69	\$38,900
15/101	\$15,000
15/172	\$17,500
16/46	\$21,000
17/83	\$69,900
17/100	\$27,900
17/163	\$35,900
18/62-3	\$89,900
19/102	\$59,900

20/8	\$25,500
20/12	\$46,900
20/25	\$18,900
20/57	\$33,000
21/6	\$30,000
21/235	\$21,400
21/250	\$27,000
22/70	\$29,900
24/22	\$58,500
24/48-9	\$112,900
24/80-1	\$58,000
24/99	\$60,900
25/96	\$44,900
26/64	\$49,999
26/141	\$15,000
26/235	\$25,000
26/241-2	\$49,900
27/34	\$36,000
27/78	\$65,400
27/96	\$47,900
28/141	\$46,900
28/142	\$56,500
29/61-2	\$65,000
29/303	\$17,500
29/354	\$15,000

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