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## president's letter

### Opinions

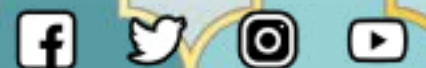
Sharing opinions help us understand what we believe in and what we are. Typically, to have an opinion about anything we need to have knowledge. Also, when we have an opinion we take a stand. It helps us to understand ourselves.

Lots of opinions are being shared on several social media sites about the proposed Splash Park. I personally think it's very important for Property Owners to express their opinions. My hope is that they would form them based on fact or a point of knowledge on the subject and evaluate it based on their personal values and needs.

The tricky thing about social media is that it lacks that human connection which promotes values, relationships and can cause callous comments resulting in an environment that lacks respect. This phenomena is known as the "online disinhibition effect." Basically, being online lowers your inhibitions which typically results in people opening up more online than they would face to face.

Several Property Owners, committee members and staff have provided, and will continue to provide, factual information on this project. Detailed information on the design and requirements were provided in the December edition of the *Woodhaven News* starting on page 26. This can be accessed on Woodhaven's website and Facebook page. Questions, discussions and opinions are needed on this project and if done in a productive and respectful way, will provide what is critical for Property Owners to know so they can ultimately express their opinion and that is to vote on it. If after reviewing the provided information, you have more questions or comments, please email them to: [AORC@woodhavenassociation.com](mailto:AORC@woodhavenassociation.com). The referendum for this vote will be this Spring with the date to be determined.

*Christine Moffett,*  
Board of Directors President



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**Comfort Stations Open for the Winter:**  
**3, 10, 17, & 25**

**The Communications Committee...**

...encourages Owners to continue to review the information provided for the Splash Park Referendum. Details can be found in the December Woodhaven News, and on our website under the Splash Park Info tab.

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### management report



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

### Employee Service Awards

Our main goal here at Woodhaven is to provide the best possible service to Association Members and to enhance their enjoyment of the facilities. Our ability to accomplish this objective includes maintaining and retaining quality staff members. With this goal in mind, we recently recognized multiple staff members with awards for their years of service working for the Association.

### 5-year awards

Travis Ryan-Gregory – Patrol Officer  
Frank Lowery – Part-Time Stock Clerk  
Susan Stephenitch – Part-Time Deli Clerk  
Molly Ackert – Part-Time Activities Coordinator

### 10-year award

Nicci Leffelman – Marketing/Comm. Manager  
Chuck Moyers – Office Associate  
Tanya McGlown – Janitorial Supervisor  
Don Althaus – Utilities Tech I  
William Schenk – Part-Time Mowing Coordinator  
Jerry Garland – Part-Time General Store Asst. Manager

### 15-year award

Bonita Willis – Managing Broker, WLRI

### 25-year award

Wayne Lachat – Patrol Sergeant

### 35-year award

Timothy O’Laughlin – Director of Aquatics and Recreation

We appreciate the years of dedicated service. People are and always will be our greatest asset. Please know these individuals are important members of our Woodhaven (Team) Family and their abilities and contributions are an important part of our continued success.

### Budget Process Continues / Assessment Invoices to be Mailed

On December 14th, the Board of Directors approved the assessment levels for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and set them at \$1,360 on lots with sewer services and \$1,235 on lots without sewer services. Property Owners will be invoiced for their respective balances and the assessment bills will be mailed after the first of the year. The invoices should be posted and sent by January 15, 2022. As you receive your assessment invoice, please take some time to review the information and schedule your payment based on the balance due shown on your invoice.

Owners will continue to have two payment options to choose from. The first will be to make full payment on or before March 31, 2022. Owners choosing this option will receive a \$30 discount on lots with sewer service and \$25 on lots without sewer service. The second option is three installments with half or 50% of the assessment due on or before March 31, 2022. The second installment will require a payment equal to one quarter or 25%

of the assessment due on or before May 31, 2022. And the final payment equal to one quarter or 25% of the assessment due on or before July 31, 2022. Please look for your assessment invoices in January and do not hesitate to contact the Association Office with any questions or concerns regarding your 2022-2023 assessments.

In addition to the assessment resolution, the Board of Directors also approved a resolution to apply the surplus from our March 31, 2021, financial statements to our reserve funds. This decision allows us to offset increasing operating costs to project future assessment increases at levels closer to prior year projections. An assessment increase will occur next year and is currently projected to be \$1,485 on lots with sewer services and \$1,360 on lots without sewer services.

With the passing of the assessment, work on the budget process will continue until March, when the final budget is scheduled to be approved by the Board of Directors. We will be working to update our five-year operating plan, our reserve plans and to prepare a monthly budget projection for 2022-2023. All of the changes and adjustments are subject to Committee and Board review prior to presentation for approval. 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.

### Shady Oaks CC Agreement

We recently completed our analysis of the rounds played by Woodhaven Owners and their guests in 2021 with a total of 2,338 rounds played this year. This figure was slightly higher than 2020 when 2,296 rounds were played. Discussions on continuing this program in 2022 will take place after the first of the year and information on any changes or adjustments to the program will be provided in future issues of the *Woodhaven News*.

### Chicago RV & Camping Show

The Chicago RV & Camping show is set to return in 2022 after a one-year COVID hiatus. The show is scheduled for February 17 – 20 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont.

Project Updates & Other Items:

- The retaining wall and concrete improvements taking place at the Service Center has been completed.
- Road repairs have been completed.
- The fall leaf vacuum program continued into December and was completed about 2 weeks after the November 30th scheduled deadline for this program.
- Final details on a shoreline restoration project are being completed and have been submitted to the Army Core of Engineers for permitting. This project will take place along the creek entering Woodhaven next to the Maintenance Facility in Section 9 and meandering between Sections 8 and Section 9 into Bass Lake. Construction work on this project is slated to begin next fall in late October or early November.

### Cabin Fever Festival

Cabin Fever Festival activities will be held on Saturday, February 19th. This festival is a great opportunity to get out of the house and enjoy some winter activities at Woodhaven. Last year’s snowmobile races were a huge success, so we plan to bring those back along with many of the typical Cabin Fever activities. A schedule of programs and activities is included in this issue of the *Woodhaven News*. Schedule adjustments may be made to accommodate actual weather conditions.





### Service Award Questionnaire Tim O’Laughlin - 35 years

#### What changes have you seen while at Woodhaven?

Change is good...subtle changes, dramatic changes, we’ve had them all. Requiring registering in advance to use the aquatic facilities is probably the single most surprising change I’ve seen. It works very well and is very beneficial for several reasons but, I never saw that one coming before Covid.

#### What was your most memorable experience while on the job?

I remember meeting my wife for the first time, the first week I started, at an employee orientation picnic. I remember watching my older daughter training my younger daughter in a lifeguard training class 26 years later.

#### Have there been any special difficulties during your service?

Miscommunications/misunderstandings were always a special difficulty on the job, especially between coworkers.

#### What advice would you give to young people just starting out?

Don’t be afraid, jump right in.

#### Who has been your favorite person to work with while here?

The current 3 man crew of full-timers in Recreation/Aquatics is hands down the best I’ve ever worked with. Justin, Emma, and I have been the most productive, creative, and cohesive group of Recreators to date, and with Randy being our go-to when needed...yes, great group!

#### What part do you feel Woodhaven Plays in the community?

We play a huge role in the community, and yet the community hardly recognizes our existence, and vice-versa. But that’s ok, that may be how two proud giants get along best.



### Service Award Questionnaire Wayne Lachat - 25 years

#### What changes have you seen while at Woodhaven?

Well after 25 years I have seen lots of changes, just about every building has been torn down and replaced with new ones, roads upgraded, multiple board changes, etc. Woodhaven has done a 360 since I have started.

#### What was your most memorable experience while on the job?

I have had too many good experiences, but I would say I do enjoy training new employees, being able to give them my experience so they can succeed.

#### Have there been any special difficulties during your service?

Yes, there has been. It would be the tornado siren system, and all the problems we have had with them, from being hit by lightning, poor grounding due to the sandy soil, control boards going out and just keeping up and working correctly.

#### What advice would you give to young people just starting out?

Not to change the world in your first week of employment or you will not last long in your job, just be grateful for what you have and try to make the most of it, and do your best.

#### Who has been your favorite person to work with while here?

Having a favorite just causes problems, so everyone is my favorite.

#### What part do you feel Woodhaven Plays in the community?

Provides employment and opportunities to the youth in the area.



### Service Award Questionnaire Bonita Willis - 15 years

#### What changes have you seen while at Woodhaven?

I have seen several staff changes in our office and we have grown with each of them. As each new employee/Broker joins they have brought us precious insight into what best works for our office. Those that have left or been removed have provided valuable lessons as well.

#### What was your most memorable experience while on the job?

Too many too fit here. Many, many of wonderful Property Owners (buyers and sellers) that I still exchange Christmas cards with or chat with on social media and even at church. As for employee memories, they too are vast in seriousness and silliness – so many fill my head. Mary and I will never forget our adventure to find a park model VIN in the snow falling and rolling around though, I am sure.

#### Have there been any special difficulties during your service?

Trying to best work with those that do not work for or focus on the betterment of WLRI, but rather self-serving goals.

#### What advice would you give to young people just starting out?

Embrace the diversity that is afforded you. WLRI/WHA offers great exposure to so much of it. Meet a PO from out of the area, or an employee from a different department. Take time to talk to and get to know them. You’ll be glad you did!

#### Who has been your favorite person to work with while here?

It is so hard to choose a favorite (and my sister would be so disappointed in me if I did). There are simply more memories with those I have worked with longer, or more directly. Giving us the cliché “good times and bad” that we have worked through and overcome.

#### What part do you feel Woodhaven Plays in the community?

As shared by most I’m sure, WHA adds to the economy through employment opportunities, as well as revenue by Property Owners and guests. Many Property Owners value WH and our community as their sanctuary or little piece of heaven. A perspective we could all benefit from.



### Service Award Questionnaire Chuck Moyers- 10 years

#### What changes have you seen while at Woodhaven?

I have seen a lot of property improvements.

#### What was your most memorable experience while on the job?

Getting raccoons out of the dumpsters.

#### Have there been any special difficulties during your service?

There have been some difficulties, different ones over time, but nothing we could not handle.

#### What advice would you give to young people just starting out?

Come to work and do your job, and try not to worry about what other employees are doing. This is a very good place to work.

#### Who has been your favorite person to work with while here?

I do not have any favorites. I have enjoyed most of the people I work with.





### Service Award Questionnaire Nicci Leffelman - 10 years

#### What changes have you seen while at Woodhaven?

Having technically been here since I was in high school, I've seen many changes to Woodhaven, from facilities to management, and more. In my specific job, there has been a massive change from mostly print communications to an excess of communications through the web and social media – anything you need to know about Woodhaven can be found online. Very different from 2004!

#### What was your most memorable experience while on the job?

While I was gone the summer of the tornado, I came back that winter. Seeing staff and Owners work so hard to help each other rebuild and clean up over the next few years was truly something to experience.

#### What advice would you give to young people just starting out?

Dive in and learn as much as you can! Woodhaven is it's own very unique place and there is a lot to learn.

#### Who has been your favorite person to work with while here?

I could never pick just one. I've grown up here and there's a reason I've worked here since I was 16; it's the people. Your coworkers become family and are the most supportive group of people you could have – they've seen me through nearly every stage of my adult life. And it's not just the staff, I've been able to work with some great Property Owners, as well.

#### What part do you feel Woodhaven Plays in the community?

I think there are many ways Woodhaven impacts the community, but the one I tend to focus on is how great of a workplace it is, especially as a first job for those in high school/college. Aside from being a fun place to work, you really learn a ton of great skills to carry forward.



### Service Award Questionnaire Tanya McGlown - 10 years

#### What changes have you seen while at Woodhaven?

Building and property improvements.

#### What was your most memorable experience while on the job?

Finding all the non bathroom items where they are not suppose to be. (i.e. catfish in toilet.)

#### Have there been any special difficulties during your service?

There have been a few. Making sure things get done even when short staffed, Covid, and clean up after the tornado.

#### What advice would you give to young people just starting out?

Don't be so hard on yourself. Take constructive criticism and learn from it; it'll be ok. Smile through the B.S., they can't read your mind. Karen Roche called it a Woodhaven smile.

#### Who has been your favorite person to work with while here?

There have been a few, both past and present. Really anyone that can topic jump randomly or sit in complete silence.



### Service Award Questionnaire Don Althaus - 10 years

#### What changes have you seen while at Woodhaven?

Going from FM radio communications to fiber optic. A lot of new Property Owners. A number of landscape projects that dressed up some areas or buildings around property.

#### What was your most memorable experience while on the job?

Being 20ft down in a hole repairing a sewer line in Section 29. 20 feet doesn't seem like a lot until you're down there and look up, it can give you eerie feelings.

#### Have there been any special difficulties during your service?

When you receive backlash from people when you try to go out of your way to help them.

#### What advice would you give to young people just starting out?

Work hard, respect others, be yourself, and don't take anything for granted.

#### Who has been your favorite person to work with while here?

Rusty and Brandon. We all try to make the best out of every situation or job we encounter.

#### What part do you feel Woodhaven Plays in the community?

Pulling people from other areas out here is a great benefit to our local businesses, not to mention provides a great number of job opportunities for all ages.



### Service Award Questionnaire Travis Ryan-Gregory - 5 years

#### What changes have you seen while at Woodhaven?

The seasons changing are beautiful out here.

#### What was your most memorable experience while on the job?

Meeting my best friend Stephen.

#### Have there been any special difficulties during your service?

Yes, learning how to handle adrenaline dumps.

#### What advice would you give to young people just starting out?

Be firm but gentle.

#### Who has been your favorite person to work with while here?

Officer Stephen Wallace.

#### What part do you feel Woodhaven Plays in the community?

Recreational camping.





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We will be closed from Dec 24, 2021 -- Jan. 9, 2021.  
Reopening on Jan. 10, 2022

## Letter to the Editor;

We have been hearing a little about the proposed splash pad to be located in Section 25. Besides the fact that it would affect the quality of our time at Woodhaven in Section 25, we are concerned that the proposed \$4 million project would NOT benefit all of the owners at Woodhaven and thus not warrant an increase in our association fees. Improved internet service would be a project that would benefit all families. We are also concerned that according to the September Woodhaven Lakes News, the estimated increase in fees of \$90 per year could change AFTER owner approval of the splash pad and bids are procured. What assurances are there that this number will not increase. Please contact the Aquatics Operations Referendum Committee at aorc@woodhavenassociation.com with your concerns.

Carl and Diane Schroeder  
Section 25 Lot 122

## Editor's Note;

We encourage all Property Owners to review the provided information for the Splash Park Referendum. The December Woodhaven News has several pages of content for review; this information can also be found on our website under the "Splash Park Info" tab. Both instances also have information for reviewing the PowerPoint presentation from the AORC at Fall Fest.

More information, details on the referendum, and potential "town hall" dates will be released soon. We strongly encourage all owners to continue to send comments, questions, concerns, etc. to the AORC email: aorc@woodhavenassociation.com



board action report

The following actions were taken or reported by the Board of Directors at their November 16th, 2021 Meeting. *Full meeting minutes will be posted to the Members tab on our website after approval at the December 14th meeting.*

1. Motion was made to approve the October 12, 2021 – Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes. Motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention.
2. Motion was made to approve the October 12, 2021 – Board of Directors’ Executive Session Minutes. Motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention.
3. Motion was made to approve the ESAC Board of Review Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion was made to approve the Public Safety Board of Review Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made to approve the quotes for the Section 4 Playground from NuToys for the playground equipment replacement pieces and from Custom Playgrounds for the installation and spreading of the woodchip surface for a total of \$18,654.50 Motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion was made to proceed to send the default letter to Twilight Internet Networks, LLC to terminate the agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion was made to approve the Resolution for the 2022 Board Meeting Schedule with the following changes: November 15, 2022, and December 13, 2022, Board Meetings changed to Zoom Meetings. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion was made to approve the Employee Christmas Gifts for the full-time and part-time employees who have worked for Woodhaven for three consecutive seasons. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Motion was made to uphold the first citation with a \$100 fine and restricted use of the property for 183 days beginning November 20, 2021, for Section 17 Lot 236. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Motion was made to uphold the first citation with a \$100 fine and waive the restricted use of the property in this case for Section 28 Lot 47. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Motion was made to extend the Executive Director’s Contract Agreement for another five years. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Motion was made to approve the Salary Allocation Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Motion was made to approve the Corporate Resolution transferring the Operating Fund and the Restricted Fund from Raymond James to the Cetera Financial Group. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

January		
11th	Board of Directors’ Meeting, Zoom/YouTube	7:00 p.m.
24th	Board of Directors’ Meeting, Zoom/YouTube Communications Meeting, TBD	7:00 p.m.
February		
8th	Board of Directors’ Meeting, Zoom Meeting	7:00 p.m.
21st	Finance Committee Meeting, Zoom Meeting	7:00 p.m.
28th	Board of Directors’ Meeting, Zoom/YouTube	7:00 p.m.

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 2019 and 2020 - 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* as well as on the Association Office, Realty Office, and Laundromat TV monitors. You can fill out the form and return it to the Association Office, online [here](#) or you can send us a message through Facebook. We will continue to accept submissions and publish the list 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION  
2022 Meeting Schedule

WHEREAS, the Woodhaven Association (the “Association”) is governed by and through a duly elected Board of Directors (the “Board”) pursuant to the 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 2022 meeting schedule.

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

1. The 2022 Board Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Day	Date	Location	Time
Tuesday	January 11th	Virtual Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Monday	January 24th	Virtual Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 8th	Virtual Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Monday	February 28th	Virtual Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 8th	Virtual Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Monday	March 28th	Virtual Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 12th	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7:00 p.m.
Monday	April 25th	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 28th	Woodhaven	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	June 25th	Woodhaven	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	July 23rd	Woodhaven	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	August 9th	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	August 21st	Woodhaven - Following the Annual Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 13th	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7:00 p.m.
Monday	September 26th	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7:00 p.m.
Friday	September 30th	Woodhaven – RecPlex Multipurpose Room	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 1st	Woodhaven – RecPlex Multipurpose Room	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 11th	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 12th	RecPlex Multi-Purpose Room	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 15th	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 13th	NIU Conference Center, Naperville	7:00 p.m.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

AYES: Ivan Martinez, Charlie Muir, Laura Packwood, Chris Collins,  
Pamela Smith, Christine Moffett, Daniel Rossi

NAYES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Christine Moffett, President

ATTEST: Charlie Muir, Secretary



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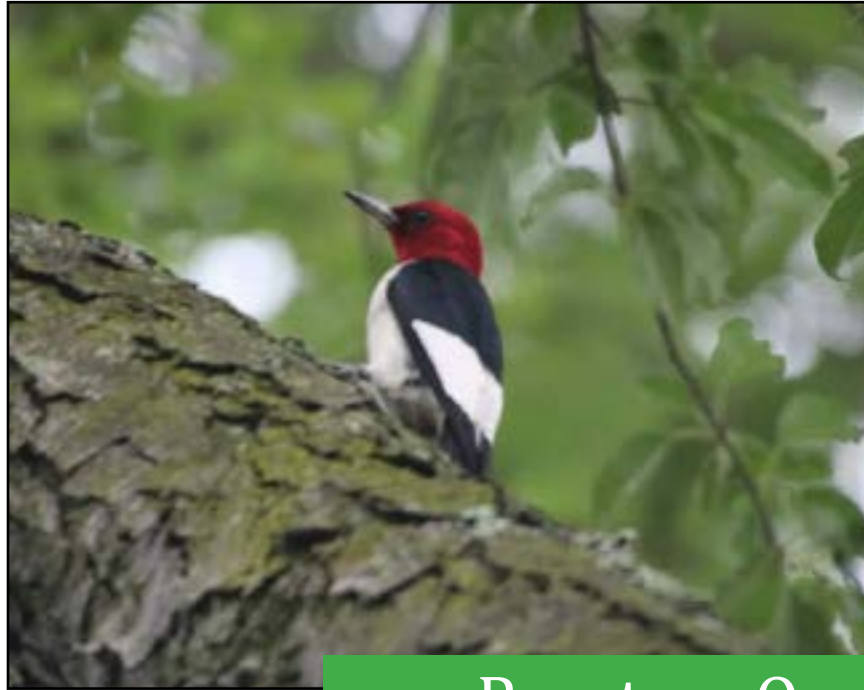
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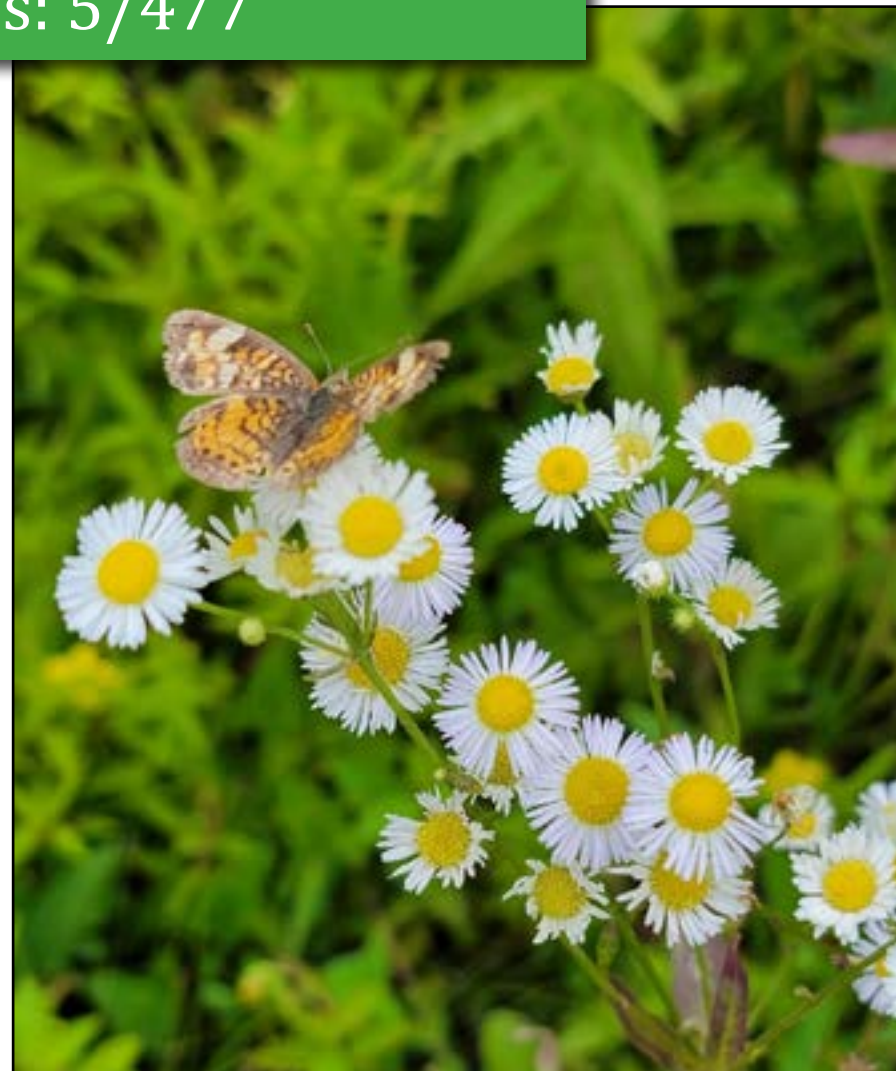








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Photos: 5/477





welcome new property owners - september			
"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
2/105	ARIEL DELAO	LA GRANGE PARK	IL
2/228	FLORIN NEACSU & VIORICA CATAN	NAPERVILLE	IL
3/139	MARIA LOPEZ & CORALISSE GUILFU	CHICAGO	IL
4/153	TONY WILLIAMS	CHICAGO	IL
6/87	CHRISTINA & KEVIN EICH	SUBLETTE	IL
6/142	NORBERTO & CIRILA VALLES	AURORA	IL
7/167	NICHOLAS RIORDAN	CALUMET CITY	IL
8/20	GIEDRIUS MORKUNAS	HICKORY HILLS	IL
9/31	MICHAEL SZYMANSKI	JOLIET	IL
9/31	KATHERINE SAULNIER	JOLIET	IL
10/95	SALVADOR & SONIA VARGAS	ELGIN	IL
15/67	ELAINE & GEORGE CONNER	BRIDGEVIEW	IL
15/74	SCOTT & JORIE ZELINKA	BOLINGBROOK	IL
16/55	JENETTE GUILLORY	LANSING	IL
16/187	BILLY & GINA BROWN	STEGER	IL
17/183	SALOME GARCIA	MELROSE PARK	IL
17/183	JESUS RAMIREZ	HILLSIDE	IL
21/103	NATHAN KENDZIOR	MONTGOMERY	IL
21/226	FRANCESCO & SYDNEY PASCOLINI	SYCAMORE	IL
24/104	MARK & TRICIA CYMERMAN	SCHERERVILLE	IL
24/220	JOE & ADRIANA ZAGER	CLARENDON HILLS	IL
24/259	JUAN ALVAREZ & VERONICA ARAQUE	CHICAGO	IL
26/126	ADAM GREENWELL	HOLCOMB	IL
26/127-8	ROBERT SCHMITT TRUST	CHICAGO RIDGE	IL
27/65	JORGE MARTINEZ	CHICAGO	IL
29/80	JILL YOUNG	LOCKPORT	IL

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Section 3	Maria Dellegrazio	3/68	Judy Gonzalez	3/91
Section 4	Marian Schuetz	4/69	Gregg Swanstrom	4/183
Section 5	Marcia Kosowski	5/229		
Section 6	Michael Flanigan	6/6	Pat Winters	6/143
Section 7	Karen Larson	7/194	Lee Patterson	7/6
Section 8	Linda Smith	8/31	Mary Muir	8/30
Section 9				
Section 10	Bob Palatine	10/284	Tony Lona	10/219
Section 11	Dawn Anama	11/202	Kelli Fox	11/236
Section 12	Heather Hansen	12/48	Chris Collins	12/48
Section 13				
Section 14	Jeraldine Elliott	14/63		
Section 15	Nancy Jackson	15/104	Elaine Ayers	15/61
Section 16	Ernest Mitchell	16/79-80	Richard Ziegenfuss	16/133-4
Section 17	Jose Navarro	17/143		
Section 18	Rosemary Colness	18/18	Joanne Lencki	18/95
Section 19	Karmi Temple	19/26		
Section 20	Diane Connelly	20/32	Jeff Jackson	
Section 21	Todd Moffett	21/86&174		
Section 22	Kathy Brush	22/153		
Section 23	Rita Olsen	23/48		
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esac citations - november	
Sec/Lot	Violation
1/79	No windows in RV tip-out/repair unacceptable
2/178	No permit for locker; spray foam on room fascia
3/118	Building materials including blocks
3/126	Building materials including lumber
3/144	Damaged vents on roof of RV
3/219	Sewer line not secure; miscellaneous materials under tarp
4/191	Damaged and exposed wood on shed
4/201	Inappropriate storage of dog kennel panels
5/145	Shed permit expired; rotten wood on shed; shed door not closing
5/147	Exposed wire out of ground; bldg. materials - blocks, lumber
5/185	RV skirting damaged/not properly set; bldg. mat - lumber
5/311	Trim missing from shed doors; bld mat- blocks, lumber, plywood
5/342	Bottom trim missing from RV door; deck skirting not set
6/104	Shed door not closing; RV skirting not set
8/38	Hole on side of NEMA3; bldg. mat - lumber, blocks
9/161	Bldg materials - blocks and timbers
10/55	Room soffit damaged/open; inapp-storage of plywood, buckets
10/147	Sewer line not properly connected
10/225	Gravel patio less than 5' from 225/226 line; foam cover unaccept
11/63	Permit to rework shed expired-180 days; exposed wood/open
12/27	Exposed wire to outlet at NEMA3; open in meter face plate
12/66	No face plate in meter; exposed wood and no glass on room
13/101	Block and timber fence on lot; bldg. materials - blocks
15/111	Skirting missing from under the RV
15/160	Tarps hanging off RV; exposed wire to exposed outlet on deck
17/58	RV seams open; RV service door damaged
17/59	Room soffit damaged; sliding door not secure; lights in trees
17/165	Trim boards missing from shed; bldg. mat - wood frame, metal
17/198	Plastic on RV window
17/252	Electric run directly into RV/no emergency shut off
17/267	Room permit expired; room not enclosed; bldg. mat - lumber
20/57	RV less than 7' from 57/58 line; hole in NEMA3; exposed wire
21/3	No permit for portable overhead
21/40	Vinyl covering over outlet unacceptable; open above shed door
21/194	Wood patches on door and side of vinyl shed; bldg. mat-plywood
21/221	Fire pit exceeds 4' diameter; tarp over shed (since July)
22/65	Face plate and breakers on ground; exposed outlet on RV
22/147	Rotten wood on shed; permit to replace shed expired - 90 days
23/88	Rolled up carpet unaccept to cover electric cord; damaged tarp
23/134	Broken window on RV
23/184	Building materials including metal roofing
24/156	Exposed light switch lying on ground
25/47	Shed roof deteriorated; damaged siding on shed; shed door
25/48	Vinyl on RV door not secure; hole in side of RV: damage antenna
25/110	Rotten wood on shed; open above shed door
27/11	Cords plugged into outlet; rotten wood on shed; bldg. materials
27/123	Tarps over RV (since Aug); spray foam and tape on RV seams
27/163	Shed roof deteriorated; ash/debris on ground; inapp storage
29/109	Holes/rotten wood on shed; shed door not closing
29/110	Mopeds under tarps under overhead; expired registrations
29/194	No permit for patio; tarp on RV (since May); compart. door open
29/207	Missing/deteriorated shed shingles; tape on RV siding
29/238	PVC sewer line broken; hole and mismatched shingles on shed
29/326	Building materials including blocks

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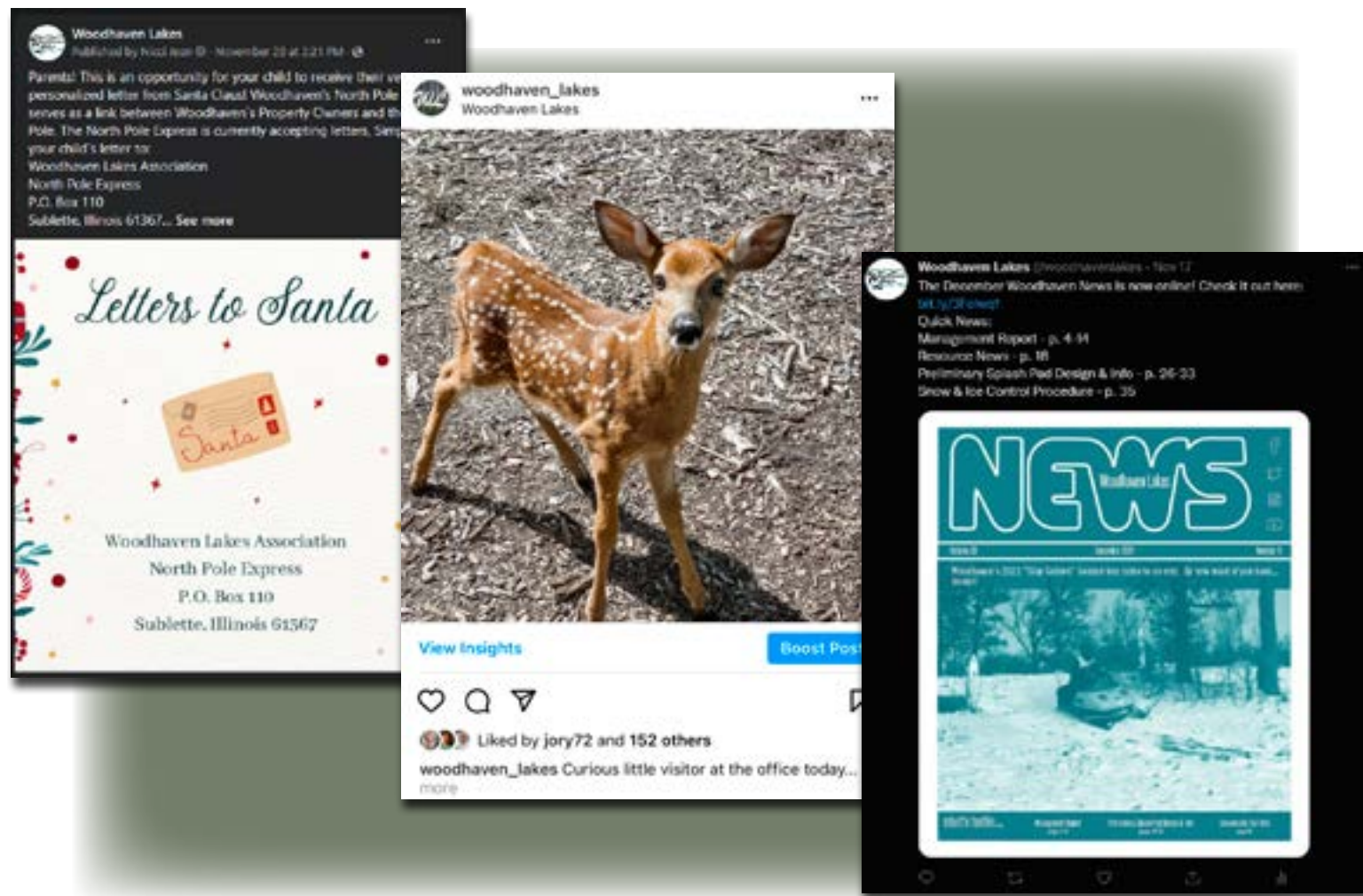




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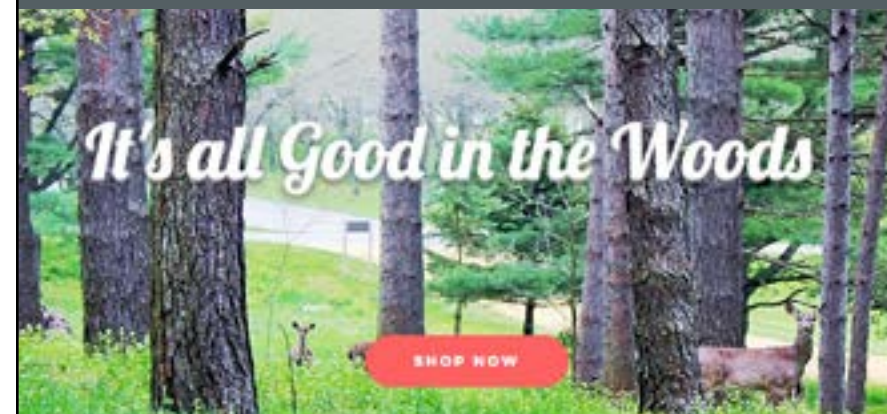
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# Woodhaven Lakes Realty

I have always been a firm believer in cross training to help you to appreciate your co-workers and the demands of their roles within your business. This can be similarly said to professions outside of your own. So, in an effort to allow you to better grasp our role, may we at **Woodhaven Lakes Realty** share some insight into the day in the life of our sales brokers.

The alarm goes off at 6:00am and you know you must be to the **Woodhaven Lakes Realty** office by 8:30am for your first of three walk-throughs for closings today. When you turn off the alarm you see you have fourteen new emails since you last looked at them at 11:30pm yesterday just before you shut your eyes for the night. Before you jump in the shower you look at them quickly to be sure there are no fires to put out. No such luck. Your 8:30am appointment was considerate enough to let you know they have a sick child and won't be able to make it today for their scheduled closing. You reach out to your co-worker, the seller's agent, to let him know right away, so he can call his clients before they leave Antioch to drive out to Woodhaven. (No answer, so he leaves a message, probably already driving and can't pick up)

Other emails are three appointment requests (two for today and one for two weeks from now), a sweet thank you from your buyer that closed on their dream Bass Lake property yesterday afternoon after looking for two years, two replies from previous emails you sent to your **Woodhaven Lakes Realty** Managing Broker, a counter from an outside agent (sent at 2:00am), and multiple marketing emails for CE, marketing materials, advertising, and the like. You call your buyer with the counteroffer and reply to the two appointment requests that you are booked solid today but would be happy to schedule something a little more in advance. Shower is going to have to be quick, and coffee to go.

Upon arrival to the office at 8:50am, you are greeted by a smiling weekend desk staff, and one of your co-workers already at his desk preparing for his full day of appointments as well. You sit at your desk to collect yourself for your showing appointments at 9:15am, 12:30pm and 3:00pm, as well as your other two walk-throughs at 10:30am and 11:30am. The sun is shining, and the temperature is up, but everyone arrives on-time. Unfortunately, the 10:30am walk-through took 30 minutes longer than anticipated due to the kind seller sharing every detail of the property since they bought it back in 1984. This will push the schedule off back in the office, as the buyer's lender is waiting to go over their paperwork, so that **Woodhaven Lakes Realty** can perform their closing. The 11:30 walk-through goes great and both parties are back in the office waiting on the previous closing to finish up so that they can start enjoying their new get-away.

You go to the fridge to grab a piece of cold pizza before your 12:30 gets here, and just as you round the corner to your desk with that piping hot left-over, the front door opens, and you hear "we have a 12:30 showing appointment". You inhale without chewing, grab a water bottle and hit the floor to welcome your excited clients. They have looked at property two previous times but saw three new listings on the website earlier in the week. You must inform them that two of them already have accepted offers with other office brokers, but you will show them the remaining one and you have found a couple of others that fit their 'must-have' list. Two hours later you are all back in the **Woodhaven Lakes Realty** office ready to write an offer. With the closing room busy all day, you gather your paperwork and head down the hall to the conference room to "write it up". Shortly after your 3:30 appointment arrives, right on time, and is waiting for you in the office. You work to politely finish with the offer client while trying to not be inconsiderate to your next scheduled client. It is 3:45pm, and you are back in the car and out on property with a list of six more properties to show.

These buyers LOVE Woodhaven, and can you blame them? However, they are unable to make a decision today, so they head home to think on it some more. It is now 5:15pm. The office staff closed the office up at 4:30pm, two of your co-workers are still out showing property, and the Managing Broker is finalizing the files from the day's six closings.

You look at your schedule for tomorrow, Sunday, and try to organize some potential properties for each of the three. In the meantime, two of your family members have texted you asking when you will be home because you were supposed to be leave for a family cook-out at 5:00pm. You promise to be on the road momentarily. On the way home, your phone rings twice and three text messages come through. While at the picnic you have to take and/or make four different client calls and don't get home until 10:30pm. You hit the hay by 11:45pm to prepare for it all again tomorrow. Life is good at **Woodhaven Lakes Realty!**





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## Broker Spotlight - Justin Wiley

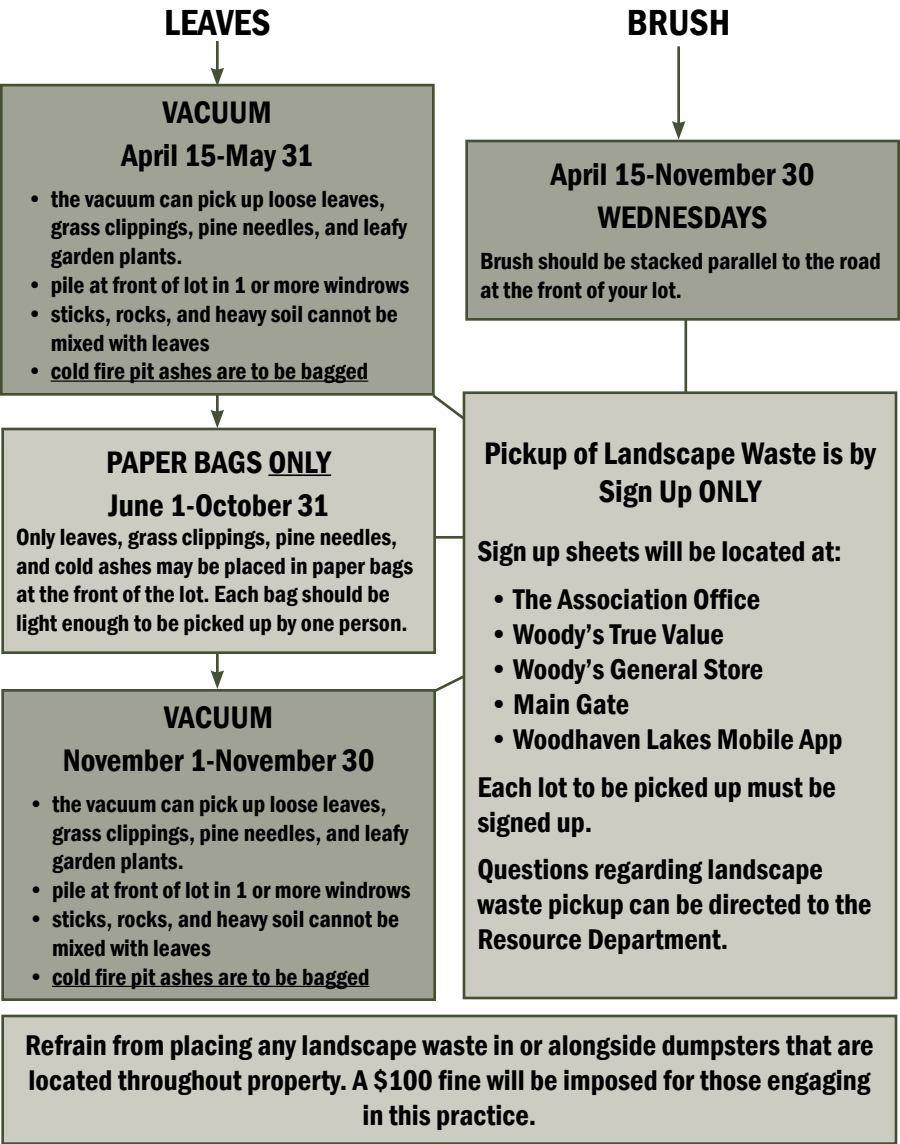
We, at Woodhaven Lakes Realty, would love for you to get to know our newest Broker, Justin Wiley. He may be newer, but he doesn't show it. His drive and ambition have been prevalent for years. Justin is from the small local town of Paw Paw, which many POs drive through every weekend, and while in high school he was a standout athlete on the basketball court. Those skills then led to a scholarship and a spot on the Grand View College team in Des Moines. There he played for four years while earning his Sports Management degree.

From Des Moines, Justin ventured to California and began working in sales for the Sacramento River Cats baseball team. He worked for the River Cats for three years, honing his sales and customer service skills, all attributes in which Woodhaven Lakes Realty and Justin's clients have benefited from. He began his licensing process remotely and reached out to our office while working through it which afforded us the opportunity to work with him from the start of his real estate career.

Justin is a softspoken gentleman, but his knowledge of both Real Estate as well as Woodhaven started from day one. He took to it all like Michael Jordan to a three-point shot. He found the opportunity, focuses on his goals of providing top of the line service to his clients and scores weekly by closing over 70 transactions in a year. That's nothing but net! Woodhaven Lakes Realty definitely has a dream team and Justin is an integral part of that.

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*Notes:	
- A minimum length limit indicates that fish taken and not returned to the lake are required to be equal to or larger than the stated length. All fish less than the stated length shall be returned to the water being fished.	
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**Section 11. Snowmobiles (4/17)**

A. A minimum of 4” of snow is required to open the snowmobile trails.

B. Snowmobile usage shall be limited to those areas designated for their use by the Association.

C. Operation of snowmobiles shall, at all times, be in compliance with those laws set forth by the state of Illinois and the Association’s Rules and Regulations as listed in Article II.

1. Snowmobile operation is not allowed on any lake or pond.

2. Hours of operation:

- » Monday-Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to Midnight
- » Friday-Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
- » Holidays: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
- » Entering property by snowmobile after the set times the trails are closed is permitted for the sole purpose of traveling to the Owner’s Campsite.

D. Snowmobile operators are allowed to use roadways only for the purpose of going to trail areas and entering/exiting property.

E. Management reserves the right to close any trail or area due to hazardous conditions.

# 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.





## ESAC Corner

SUE MCGRAW, ESAC MANAGER

While it may seem early to be thinking about changes you might be making to your property in the coming year, it is never too early to review some of the questions you may have regarding construction projects on your property. The following are some questions and answers we hope will be helpful with your future construction plans.

**When do I need a permit?** Any additions to, 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 top coat of gravel may result in an area that 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.

**What if I have a question about the Rules and Regulations?** The ESAC staff is 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.

**When is a lot pinning performed?** 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.

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.

We look forward to a new year of assisting you with your plans for enhancing your property.

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Alyssa Rod, Nature Center Coordinator

January – the coldest month of the year! Woodhaven's average highs in January are 27°F and an average low of 15°F. January is also typically the month with the least amount of sunshine and interestingly the highest average relative humidity around 85% (a tie with July). What does this mean for us? Well, if you like snow, January and February tend to have lots of it. If you don't like cold and snow, I still suggest that everyone takes some time to head outside and take a walk in nature. I'm not a fan of the cold either, but a short, brisk walk in nature is a great way to clear your mind and energize your body for the day! So, time to wear some extra layers and head outside!

Stop by the Nature Center during Cabin Fever on Saturday, February 19th to join us for some SNOWtacular wintertime fun! We will be open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The day will be filled with crafts, activities, snowflakes, and more. Further details will be listed in the Cabin Fever [Leisure Times](#).

New in Nature: Phenology is the study of the timing of biological phenomena in nature! To learn more about phenology, revisit this article in the March 2021 [Woodhaven News](#). Your family can track phenology in your own backyard by starting a nature journal. Keep track of what you see and when, or use a calendar to write your observations in.

January, winter has set in and the cold is here, but the daylight is getting longer day by day. January is a great time to look for Bald Eagles, specifically along open water ways. Typically during this time of year it can be cold enough for water ways to freeze and the only open spots are located around locks and dams along rivers. Two great nearby places to watch eagles are along the Illinois River across from Starved Rock State Park at the Illinois Waterways Visitor Center looking over the lock and dam; the other over on the Mississippi River north of Fulton at Lock and Dam 13. Also related to freezing water, if it's thick enough, now is a good time to go ice fishing on the lakes, if you like the cold. Depending on the amount of the river being frozen, there can be hundreds of bald eagles hanging around the area. We start to hear the sounds of calling owls at night as they start calling to each other during the breeding season.



February can be one of the hardest months to get through for us and for the animals. It is typically very cold, snowy, and we are all ready for the spring to be here. This is also the start of breeding season for many of the local birds that do not migrate. Birds like cardinals and chickadees start to sing more frequently to attract a mate and some mammals will be starting to breed like raccoons, squirrels, and coyote. If there is lots of snow, many herbivores can be desperate to find food. Deer and rabbit will chew on tree twigs; if the edges are clipped off cleanly at a 45 degree angle and near the

ground, it was probably a rabbit. An interesting bug to watch for during this time, or in January as well, is the snowflea. These tiny black specks will gather at the base of trees or on the side of a outside wall during sunny days around early February. Closer to the end of the month, watch for the red osier dogwood bark turning a bright red and the skunk cabbage poking through the snow in marshy areas.

During the month of November, we started to see the weather change towards winter. The month started out with nice autumn weather, temperatures in the 40s-60s during the day with no precipitation made for a great time to enjoy the outdoors. The change came on November 11-12 when the daily highs dropped almost 20 degrees around Woodhaven and the rainy weather changed to a variety of different precipitations. On November 12th we watched the skies as all throughout the day the rain changed to light snow to graupel and big fluffy snowflakes to slushy ice all in a matter of seconds. It was interesting to watch! What is graupel? Graupel are soft, small pellets formed when super cooled water droplets freeze onto a snow crystal. It is also known as snow pellets, soft hail, and some people compare it to Dippin' Dots®. Graupel is very fragile and typically disintegrates when handled. It's different from hail, sleet, and snow. Other changes during the month include the changing of the leaves. We finally saw a good hard freeze which helped to



change the leaves colors and encourage them to fall from the trees. Squirrels are continuing to store away food and the deer are increasing the thickness of their winter coats to stay warm for the winter. Migration continues with the birds, mostly cranes, hawks, ducks, and geese. This is the month that sees some unique species of birds moving in and around; birds that are not normally found in Illinois, some from the southern states and others from out west. In 2020, November found a Great Kiskadee from southern Texas to South America. This year bird watchers found a Prairie Falcon from the western US, and a Small-billed Elaenia found specifically in South America!

Head outside and enjoy the trails around the area to see what may happen this January and February in nature! If you see something awesome, let us know or bring in a picture to add to our photo wall!

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