

# LAKELINES

*Lake in the Woods Association, 8575 Lake in the Woods Drive, Bainbridge, OH 44023 [www.lakeintthewoods.org](http://www.lakeintthewoods.org)*

## **Entry and Street Signs**

The architecture review committee and several community members met throughout last fall and into winter to plan an overhaul to our street signs as well as our front and rear entry signs.

The Board approved the capital project, sign design, materials, and front entry landscaping. The Easy Sign Group out of Twinsburg has been selected to provide all the creation and installation of all the signs.

We expect final Township approval of our project in mid-April.

Some pictures from the final plans are included here:



All the new street sign posts are Wood Core Posts with Vinyl Tube exteriors.

## **Spring Cleanup Day**

Annual spring cleanup day is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>. Our start time is 8:30 am and all households are encouraged to participate. There are many jobs to be completed. Last year we used an online sign up tool to be sure we didn't overcrowd the pool deck and to make sure we stayed socially distant. Using "shifts" we were able to complete all our work in almost record time, thanks to the HUGE turnout and support. We hope to have a repeat of that same spirit of community this year. Watch for signs and further information in the weeks to come. Email and Facebook will have further announcements as well as the Sign Up Genius link soon.

RAIN DATE WILL BE May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bainbridge Township News PAVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

Lake in the Woods Trail is already being prepared for a paving project. Everyone should have received notice from the Township. The plan is to pave the following:

- Lake in the Woods (entire street from 306 to Stafford)
- Eaglewood Trail
- Misty Lake Glen
- Birchbark Grove
- Mohican Trail

I have spoken to the Bainbridge road superintendent (special thanks to Jim Foster for his initial contact with the Township). They do not have a date yet for the project, it could be June, July or August. I will let you know more when I know more.

As for any driveways that are impacted, the Township is going to replace as many pipes as needed right now under the driveways. They are digging up driveway aprons and plan on replacing the aprons by PAVING with asphalt so they can butt up against the concrete. However, not everyone will want replacement with asphalt. Everyone impacted by the township apron replacements will receive a letter from the township to opt in or opt out of the asphalt. If you opt out of the asphalt, the township will reimburse you the cost of the asphalt for your apron to be used toward replacement of your choice.

It is possible we could have enough homeowners who want a concrete

replacement so the board will discuss reaching out to contractors as an opportunity to engage multiple homes for hopefully a good price. We will follow up with the HOA after our next meeting.

The township asks that you wait until AFTER the paving to replace your driveway apron.

Please call the township at 440-543-9871 for updates or check their website at [www.bainbridgetwp.com](http://www.bainbridgetwp.com)

### **Bainbridge Township News RUBBISH COLLECTION**

Also, back again this year is the Township TRASH COLLECTION! If you are a senior citizen registered with the Geauga County Dept. on Aging the township by April 19<sup>th</sup> to register for them to come to you to pick up rubbish. Call 440-279-2130.

If you are not a senior citizen, you can haul your own "stuff" that is no longer wanted directly down Haskins road to the Service Auxiliary Lot. You must prove you live in Bainbridge and the drop off week is April 26-May 1. They will be open from 7:30 am to Noon.

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE TOWNSHIP FOR RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT THEY WILL OR WILL NOT TAKE. 440-543-9871

### **Neighborhood Reminders**

#### **SPEED:**

It is always worth mentioning that the speed limit through our neighborhood is 25 MPH.

Please adhere to these limits while driving around. There are children and adults on bikes, runners, walkers and dogs. Also, if walking or running before sunrise or after sunset, please wear reflective clothing, it is very difficult to see anyone walking in dark clothing.

#### **GARAGE SALE:**

We would like to understand how many homes would be interested in a community wide garage sale this year. Please send us an email at [lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com](mailto:lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com) and let us know if you would participate in a community-wide garage sale day.

We will also judge interest by posting on our Facebook page.

## **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:**

If you plan on any construction projects that change, enhance, add-on, or modify the outside of your home, yard, driveway or anything that is within the view of your neighbors and the neighborhood, please contact the LITW Trustees. The trustees get contacted from time to time regarding your construction project and need to be able to answer questions about these projects such as board approval dates, and expected duration of the project. Please let us know, typically it doesn't take any more than an email vote by the board to get approval.

Thank you all for your efforts to maintain our beautiful, safe, and friendly neighborhood.

## **SIGNS:**

Lake in the Woods Homeowners association does not permit the display of signs, except for an "Open House" sign which may be displayed one day a week during the time the house or lot is being offered for sale. The association Board of Trustees does make announcements regarding exceptions to this rule. Those exceptions are generally time limited. If you have questions regarding what you can or cannot display, please contact a board member.

The Board approves certain circumstances when display of signs is permitted.

There is a Primary Election in Ohio on May 4, 2021. Residents of Lake in the Woods are welcome to display signs related to this election starting April 20<sup>th</sup> and take down their signs by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **SELLING YOUR HOME?:**

Thinking of selling your home in LITW? As a seller you do have some responsibilities. Most importantly is informing a buyer, realtor, and possibly a title agency or escrow agent about our annual dues as well as the transfer fee that is payable upon transfer of the home's title. Have your realtor or potential buyer reach out to the LITW board.

All the information you need is on lakeinthewoods.org website. If a realtor or potential buyer has a question, feel free to contact the board.

## **PETS:**

Lake in the Woods allows dogs and cats and other household pets. We do

not allow other animals of any kind to be raised, bred or kept in any home.

When you are outside with your pet, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain control of your pet at all times. This also applies to guests who bring pets to our common areas or to your home. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain control of the guest's pet during the time they are visiting Lake in the Woods. This is for the safety and enjoyment of all our members.

It is also your responsibility to clean up after your pet when using the common areas. We appreciate your cooperation.

### **Robbing Mary to Perform on June 19th**

Lake in the Woods resident Dan Mills and his band, Robbing Mary, will be performing at the LITW Pavilion on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Our lawn area is second to none when it comes to concerts. We would love to see a great crowd up there again this year practicing social distancing measures and having a great time.

### **Other news**

#### **Pavilion Reservations**

Pavilion reservations can be made via Eric Schmidt. Please email at schmidtrx@yahoo.com, text or call me at 440-346-0547. Also, if you have made a reservation please consider reaching out to confirm.

#### **Swim Team News**

We are planning on having swim team again this year. Our team is open to Lake in the Woods youth who are under the age of 18 and can swim at least one lap of the pool using each of the 4 basic competitive swimming strokes (freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke). Everyone is encouraged to participate not only for the exercise, friendships and competition but also to learn a new life skill and have FUN!

The swim team will have meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer. A full schedule will be provided soon. Contact Kristin Schmidt at kristin\_kokal@hotmail.com with any questions.

Our Annual Bainbridge Invitational is tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2021. We hope to be able to hold this event this year.

## **Lifeguards**

The association is looking for lifeguards for this summer's pool season. If you know someone in the community or outside of the community who is interested, please encourage them to contact Matt Novak at his email address listed below. Lifeguards must be:

- 1) At least 16 years of age
- 2) Be certified in the following courses: Lifeguard Training, CPR, and Standard First Aid

Lifeguards can be certified by the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, and others. For those that are interested the American Red Cross is running COVID compliant courses and you can sign up at:  
<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/lifeguarding>

## **Directory Update**

The time has come to create a new version of the directory. HOA members can opt in to include their phone number(s), email address, and names and birthdates of children. We will also be updating our babysitting list, pet sitting list, yard work (mowing, mulching, etc.) list, and we are open to any other information our members would like to see in the directory.

The directory is for LITW use only and we respect the privacy of our members. The information is not to be used for any soliciting or distribution to outside vendors.

You will get a Google Form by email, a link on Facebook or you can scan this QR code and be taken directly to the form.



## **LITW Association Dues**

The annual dues increased to \$800.00 in 2021. If you have not received a notification or need to contact the board regarding dues, please email any trustee listed below or call Eric Schmidt @ 440-346-0547

Our fiscal year runs from the first day of March to the last day of February.

## **We are on Facebook:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LakeInTheWoods/>**

Send the board an updated email address if you would like to receive communication via email. Send to lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com

## **Trustee Contact information**

**Board: lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com**

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“Little Lake” Contributor: Evelyn Chapman

Evelyn posted a beautiful newsletter on Facebook. We all hope she continues to be engaged in our community providing news that we can use if we choose. Thank you Evelyn!

Next Lakelines will be distributed in May 2021.