

LAKE LINES

Newsletter for Lake in the Woods

October 2025

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By Christy Dunnam

From the Social Committee

Thank you to everyone who came out to a LITW event this summer! Whether it was a concert, luau, yoga class, or holiday celebration, it's always a good time when we get together with neighbors. Our summer season wrapped up with a fun night of food and games at the Block Party – sending a big thanks to our Moccasin Run residents for hosting!

As summer fades and fall rolls in, we notice some neighbors listing their homes to start their next chapter. Resident Ami Novak is moving to Chicago, and her farewell post on Facebook really resonated with me. She said, “Lake in the Woods is such a special community, and we’d love for someone else to experience the same warmth, connection, and sense of belonging we’ve felt here. It’s the perfect place to raise a family, and I have never lived somewhere so beautiful and magical in the fall.” Thank you Ami. We wish you well!

Let’s enjoy this beautiful time of year in Lake in the Woods, find our favorite neighborhood trees as they turn, and soak in the crisp weather. We’ll be in touch with more fun for next year, surely with some new neighbors to welcome too.

~Erin Connolly

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FROM THE BOARD



Photo credit: Kristin Schmidt

THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER AT LAKE IN THE WOODS!

I think we can all agree that this past year of LITW events were awesome! Giant THANKS to Erin Emanuele for stepping up to lead the charge. Her organizational style and fresh ideas were a gift to us. And a big ole “Thank You” to the rest of the committee for their collaboration. We all loved their great ideas and appreciate their hard work. They made everything look effortless.

We are looking for someone to lead the Social Committee for 2026. (Training will be provided.) We are also inviting any other members of the community to be a part of this super fun committee.

If you are interested in getting involved with your Lake in the Woods neighbors by bringing us all together in the most fun and impactful ways, please consider joining this team. Without volunteers, none of these fantastic events can happen.

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Lake in the Woodstock

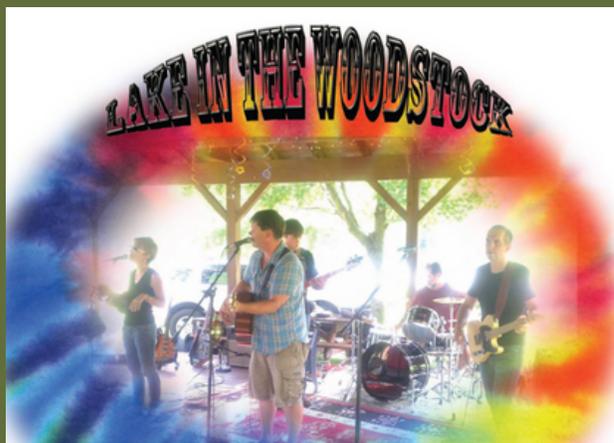


Photo credit: Erin Emanuele



4th of July 2025 Bike Parade



Photo credit: Bill Emanuele

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FALL CLEAN-UP

Fall Cleanup Day is coming up!

Date: Saturday, October 11th

Time: 8am

Meeting Location: Pool Deck

Some of the jobs on the docket are:

- Closing up the pool for the season
- Repair or removal of Message Boards
- Remove volleyball net
- Oil swings
- Beach Clean Up
- Vinyl Panels for Pavilion
- Remove leaves from ditches for run off

We know this is homecoming weekend for some of the neighborhood kids, but if you can spare a couple of hours in the morning, we would greatly appreciate the help. As you may think to yourself, "oh there are lots of people to help, they won't miss me" rest assured you are missed! As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Please consider lending a hand.



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LITW Luau



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THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT POOL SEASON!

As another summer draws to a close, it's always a bittersweet moment to put the cover back on the pool. With a warm summer, many of our resident families and their guests enjoyed the pool quite a bit this year. Our swim team also had a great season and it was a pleasure to watch our young swimmers continue to grow their abilities. The Bainbridge Invitational was a great success, as well as the inaugural adults-only night swim luau party!

Our pool is a tremendous community asset that brings families together and makes memories for many of our children. Keeping the pool running is a group effort and would not be possible without the help of our community volunteers. We'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to Eric Schmidt for taking care of the pool maintenance this year, to Jordan Mills for serving as his backup, and to Jill Scalf for managing the lifeguards and their schedules all summer while also keeping an eye on the weather for pool closures and safety.

2026 BLOCK PARTY

The newly adopted Block Parties have been a great success that we'd like to keep going for years to come.

2024 was Misty Lake Glen

2025 was Moccasin Run

Where will we be for 2026?

Get together with your neighbors! If your cul-de-sac would like to host the next block party, please let us know!

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REMINDERS

As our warm season comes to a close, here are some reminders as we turn our focus to fall and winter.

- Please remember to remove your watercraft from the beach.
- If you have trailers, boats and RVs, please ensure that they are stored out of sight. According to the neighborhood bylaws, these items should not be visible from the street.
- Please continue to keep your yards maintained and looking tidy. Especially now that leaves are falling in droves, it's important to keep up with leaves that have fallen in the creek beds and in the ditches along the road. These waterways drain into the neighborhood's lakes and ponds so it is important to keep them free from leaves and debris to help prevent the buildup of sediment.
- A friendly but stern reminder to watch your speed while driving the streets of Lake in the Woods. Over the past few months there have been several incidents of people driving too fast through the neighborhood, especially since the stop sign was removed. Recently a father and daughter were nearly run off the road. Please remember, the speed limit is



Thank you for your cooperation!

Handbook

The Board of Trustees recently published an updated version of the Lake in the Woods handbook, which contains important information about the rules of our neighborhood. If you need a copy, please reach out to lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com or contact Donna Lustig at dqlustig@gmail.com.

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Last Splash



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“Many hands make light work.”

We need your help!



Photo credit: Suzanne Radkowsky

COMMUNITY CALL FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATIONS

Attention all residents of Lake in the Woods!

The Nominating Committee, led by Joe Scalf and joined by other dedicated community members, is seeking nominations for the upcoming 2026-2027 Board of Trustees. This is your opportunity to shape the future of our community!

Whether you wish to nominate yourself or someone you believe would be a fantastic addition to the board, we want to hear from you. Our committee is committed to ensuring a full slate of trustees will be presented at our annual meeting.

Being a trustee is a rewarding experience that provides a chance to contribute positively to our community.

Nominees should have a passion for Lake in the Woods, a commitment to improving our neighborhood, and the desire to be involved in decision-making processes.

How to Nominate: Send your nominations to the Nominating Committee via email at lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com. Include the nominee's name, contact information, and a brief description of why they would be an excellent choice for the board.

Deadline for nominations is November 1, 2025.

Let's work together to continue making Lake in the Woods an incredible place to live!

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Neighborhood HOA Meeting has been scheduled. Please join us in person or via Teams (link to be shared at a later date).

Date: Wednesday, November 12th

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Bainbridge Library (room TBD)

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From the Editor



*"I'm so glad I live in a world
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by L.M. Montgomery, from her beloved
novel *Anne of Green Gables*.

Me too, Anne. Me too. I'm looking forward to the vibrant colors, crisp air, crunchy leaves, and crackling fires in the pit.

Halloween hayrides sound like so much fun! I can't wait to see all the cute costumes and excited kiddos of all ages. What a great place to live!

I hope you get to enjoy an amazing apple fritter, carve a pumpkin, snuggle in a blanket with a good book, enjoy dinner with a neighbor on the back deck, or whatever makes you happy.

Cheers!

HALLOWEEN 2025

Halloween in LITW is on October 31st from 6-8pm.

We're trying something new this year...
a Halloween hayride!

As you may have seen on the LITW Facebook page, Anna and Josh Sirk are pulling together people with trailers to take the kiddos around the neighborhood as a group.

More information will be shared via Facebook and the LITW Social email account, so be on the lookout. For any questions, reach out to Anna Sirk at 440-867-3924 (text preferred).



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