

Summer Roundup:

Swim Team:

The Lake in the Woods Swim team had a fantastic season this summer. We had 27 swimmers from our community, led by coaches Luke Schmidt, Hannah Cooper and Cayla DiBernardo.

Our Guppies Team returned this year under the direction of Ellie Coulson. Guppies is the “pre-swim team” for children 3 and up not quite ready for the swim team. They “swim” just before home meets hosted at the LITW pool.

Our swimmers practiced 5 days a week in June and July and participated in 12 swim meets, both home and away. Our small but mighty team had strong placements in the Chagrin Valley Relay meet. The 34th annual Bainbridge Invitational meet, hosted by Lake in the Woods, was a fantastic event with participation from the swim clubs in Bainbridge (Chagrin Valley Recreation Center, Wembley, Bainbrook Laurel Springs, Lake Lucerne and LITW). This is the favorite event of the summer and is a great way to showcase our neighborhood.

We closed our swim season with a Swim Team Awards Banquet, which was held at our pavilion on August 3rd.

Late spring, be on the lookout for details for the 2024 Swim Team season. Swim Team participation is not only a great way for kids to improve their swimming skills, and it’s also a wonderful ‘lane’ for meeting the neighbors, making new friends, sharing in the

LAKE IN THE WOODS LAKELINES

SEPTEMBER 2023

Fall is upon us! The morning air is crisp, the leaves are starting to turn. It’s a great time to get outside and enjoy these gorgeous days in our neighborhood.

The new board has been busy over the last six months, as we worked to immerse ourselves into the association’s assets, operations, history and culture. You may notice we’ve updated and added some information to LakeLines below, and will continue to prioritize communicating news, upcoming events and appreciated neighbors. We could not be more excited and proud to serve this community, as we strive to encourage engagement and carry on the traditions of this lovely neighborhood.



Last fall in Lake in the Woods couldn't have been more beautiful. I think we can expect the same beauty this year too.

Photo Credit: Suzanne Radkowsky

community spirit, and just having fun.

-Kristin Schmidt

Bainbridge Invitational:

Summer in LITW is always filled with memory making days. Summer vacations, summer playdays, days filled with swimming at the pool, playing volleyball, kayaking, picnics, and bonfires at the lake and, of course, the annual Bainbridge Invitational. This year's BI for me and John was bittersweet - the Rankins and The Pixleys did a phenomenal job taking over the preparations for the Bainbridge Invitational (BI) and we had another successful turnout. The weather was perfect, and the spectator turnout generated a great day in concessions. We will miss pre-planning and working with the great neighbors of the community, but we know that the BI is in good hands and will continue to thrive with the Rankin/Pixley team. Please join me and John in thanking these 2 families for diving in and hitting all the dismounts that make up the BI. See you all at the 2024 BI - (in the spectator section.)

- Cara and John Zoltowicz

Pool and Pavilion:

A giant set of thank you's to the folks who volunteer their time to staff the pool and host events over the summers.

Jill Scalf - thank you for your continued hard work in finding, hiring and managing all of our lifeguards. And also for keeping the neighborhood updated throughout the summer pool season.

Celeste Babulski and the Social Committee - thank you for all your hard work and creativity, while keeping the community socializing. We appreciate your time and

Upcoming Events:

Fall Clean Up Day:

Fall Clean Up Day is coming up soon. We need your help!

DATE: Saturday, September 30th

Time: 8am

Location: Meet at the Pool Parking Lot

Please join us on Saturday at 8am for our annual Fall Clean Up. In addition to putting away the pool furniture, we will also be re-graveling the bike path and are looking for volunteers to assist. Shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows are also greatly needed for this big job.

Social Committee Meeting:

The Social Committee is gearing up for another year of fun as they continue to get the community together with some new events and, of course, the traditional crowd pleasers.

If you'd like to be part of the fun, please join their first meeting or contact lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com.

DATE: Tuesday, October 10th

Time: 7:30pm

Location: GCPL - Bainbridge Branch - Room 139
17222 Snyder, Chagrin Falls

LITW Fall Fest 2023:

Get ready for the first ever LITW Fall Fest! Chili Cookoff, Pumpkin Carving Contest, Dessert Contest, Games, and much, much more!

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DATE: Oct. 14th from 3pm to 6pm

(Rain Delay: Oct. 22nd from 3pm to 6pm)

Location: LITW Pavilion Area

A Signup Genius will be coming soon for judges, participants and donations. In the meantime, if you'd like to participate in any of the events, please contact *Jenny Hess* at j.hess0621@gmail.com.

LITW Annual Meeting:

We are still in the planning stages of our Annual Meeting and hope to lock down a date and time in the next few weeks. We will email and Facebook post updates as they are finalized.

tireless efforts to keep things fun for everyone.

Dan Mills - your concert is always a neighborhood favorite. We knew this already, but the survey results were proof positive of that fact. We are already looking forward to next summer.

Nancy Schmidt - thank you for keeping us moving and healthy with your water aerobics classes. We appreciate you.

Welcome to our New (and somewhat new) Neighbors!

Craig & Sarah Fitzgerald
16442 Haskins Road

Kyle & Meghan Davidson
8705 Lake in the Woods Trail

Thomas & Kaitlin Burg
16600 Mohican Trail

Louis DeMarco & Jan Sopko
16521 Haskins Road

Reminders:

Posting Signage:

Since we have some new folks in the neighborhood, it's worth reminding everyone that signs supporting an issue or candidate should not be put out more than 2 weeks before the 11/7 election.

In the meantime, please consider joining us. This is a good time to find out what's been happening, what's coming up and ask questions of the board. As we get closer to the meeting date, we will send out the agenda topics.

This year, the meeting will be in-person as well as live via Zoom for those who cannot make the meeting but would like to hear what's being announced and discussed.

News:

Lake Update:

We know the lake is a bit unsightly at the moment, but rest assured, we're on it. Justin Czekaj has graciously volunteered to head a committee to explore how best to get the lake cleaned up. More information to come as plans get underway. If you were previously involved in the dredging of the silt pond, we would love to hear from you so that we have better context in how to approach.

On a more positive note, you may have noticed a new addition to the beachfront lake area. We have beautiful new benches surrounding the bonfire pit! Thanks to Chris Barton and Mark Chapman for all their time and hard work to make this happen.



Pool Update:

As many of you already know, the pool is in need of some repair. Patches have been done for years, but we're at a point where we need a more extensive evaluation of its needs. We are bringing in a consultant who will do a

Deer Families:

As we've all become accustomed and comfortable with the deer roaming the streets of Lake in the Woods, please remember to take care while driving and take caution when you see a deer on the side of the road. There may be more just behind them ready to cross to the other side.

Renovation Projects:

If you are preparing to make any changes, additions and/or improvements to the exterior of your home, please contact the board first. Email lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com

or Anthony Smith at asmith3488@gmail.com.

Common/Commons Area:

We have a gem in our pool and common areas. This is a resource used frequently by our residents and their guests. In the National Parks, they talk about leaving no trace. When using our pool and common areas, please take the time to clean the area for the next person. Leave no trace.

Lake in the Woods Association Trustees:

President: Mark Chapman

VP/Secretary: Donna Lustig

Treasurer: Joe Scalf

Pool/Recreation: Eric Schmidt

Land/Safety: Bob Lee

Lake/Dam: David Pixley

Architecture: Anthony Smith

thorough assessment and give us their recommendations. More information will be sent out when we have the results back in the coming months.

Survey Results:

Thank you to all who participated in the LITW Community Survey. So much great information was garnered through the responses we received.

While there were some points in which the board already had action plans, there were a lot of suggestions that could be future projects to better the community as well as some that just aren't in the cards for the time being.

One very common theme was that we as a board needs to better communicate with the neighborhood in a way where everyone can get the information. An overwhelming majority of responses preferred email, with the second preference being Facebook posts. We decided that the best course of action was to do both. We started this initiative this summer and have gotten great feedback so far.

We will continue combing through the survey results and any additional feedback and are committed to focusing our efforts and planning on the topics and projects that community prioritizing and the existing facilities require.

Neighborhood Directory:

Exciting news! A new Neighbor Directory was emailed out this week. This has been a long time coming and we are so proud to share it with you. Note that this is a .PDF and will only be shared via email (with respect to everyone's privacy, please do not post to Facebook).

We started from scratch on this one, so if there are any questions or revisions needed, please reach out to lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com. We will be sure to make the changes for the next update.

Help Us Help You!

LakeLines Editor:

The board is looking for any interested member of the community that would like to maintain the LakeLines Newsletter. This is an important part of sharing to the community what's happening in our neighborhood, but it needs a dedicated person. We're hoping to distribute an issue every quarter. Please contact Mark Chapman at 630-379-8650 or mchapman@gccrisk.com if you're interested.

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Committees:

After our Annual Meeting, the board will be reaching out to the community to form subcommittees to help with some of the larger planned projects and events. If you're interested in making positive changes in the neighborhood, please contact lakeinthewoods44023@gmail.com.