



THE OAKLEAF

MARCH 2017

ANNUAL MEETING 2017

Oakwood Lakes' annual meeting was held on Thursday, March 23, at the Lake Pine clubhouse. The turn out included seventeen resident members in addition to the trustees.

Two new trustees were elected for three-year terms: Doug Emenecker and Mike Vogel. We welcome them! And we give thanks to Jerry Oyen, who retired from the board.

To reconfigure our board terms so that three trustees are elected each year, our re-elections this time were for staggered terms: Mary Ann Brookes and Dan Gaehring were re-elected for one year each, instead of three, and Rich Schneidereit was re-elected for two years.

We had lively discussions on projects to be done this year, with members kindly volunteering to coordinate tasks. See page 3 for details on 2017 events and projects .

We are seeking volunteers for the Summer Picnic and Steak by the Lake. In addition, contributors and / or editors for a newsletter would be most welcome. Members have indicated that residents would like more frequent newsletters, but this will be dependent on willing resources.

Finances and member statistics were reviewed, and a proposal to maintain the current fees was approved.

For more information, questions, concerns or ideas, as always, please contact any of the trustees, all listed on the back page.

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UPCOMING

- * Egg Hunt—Monday, April 10
- * Annual invoices were mailed—payments due April 15
- * Beach Clean-up and Tag Pick-up—Sun. 4/23
⇒ See list inside page 3
- * Summer Picnic June 24—need volunteers to coordinate and help out

THANK YOU, JERRY OYEN

Special thanks to Jerry Oyen for his many years of service to Oakwood Lakes. From painting our event signs to replacing picnic tables and coordinating with contractors, Jerry has done it all, and will be missed. But he has well earned his opportunity to spend more time with wife Peg and his grandson! Thanks so much, Jerry!

PROTECT OUR LAKE AND PINELANDS

Please do not put leaves or debris into the lake, as it disturbs the ecology of the water and will eventually cause expensive cleanup. Take advantage of the township's collection and make sure landscapers and tree contractors take debris for proper disposal .

Please read the [Pinelands Ecology Brochure](#) on our website, or in the back of the Oakwood Directory. It has good information on how to protect and maximize the beauty of our region regarding fertilizers, indigenous plantings, etc.

ABOUT TREES

Please help keep our roads & power lines safe by checking your trees and removing any that are leaning significantly. Also, corner residents are urged to trim shrubs and trees for visibility of both signs and oncoming traffic.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

- ◆ Financial and Membership Statistics were reviewed.
- ◆ The fee structure will remain at the current levels. Don't forget, if you are 62 or older, you get the senior discount. Let us know!

2017 EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ Lake Lowering* October 19—November 14
 —*Opportunity for residents to clean up leaves, lakebed*
- ◆ Egg Hunt Monday, April 10, 6pm (rain date 4/13)
- ◆ Beach Clean-Up Sunday, April 23, Noon
- ◆ Summer Picnic Saturday, June 24
- ◆ Steak by the Lake Saturday, Sept. 9
- ◆ Yard Sale Saturday, Oct. 7

Last Day of School Note One gathering that is not an official Oakwood Lakes event, the last day of school, has become a tradition over the last few years and is growing. While extra lifeguards have been assigned for the day, residents are asked to please be responsible for any guests they invite to ensure that trash pick-up, parking and noise levels are managed so that the event remains fun for all.

* Because we did not receive the permit from NJDEP for March, which turned out to be fortuitous anyway since the hard rains would have refilled the lowered lake, we will apply for the October—November timeframe, preferably giving us four weekends for cleanup. (Note: The NJDEP doesn't allow drawdowns from mid-Nov thru Feb.)

HELP TO MAINTAIN OUR WATER QUALITY

- ◆ Reattach the geese fence along the shoreline before you leave Oakwood Beach.
- ◆ Physically remove organic matter and muck along our shoreline such as mud, leaves, plants and tree limbs when the lake is lowered in the fall
- ◆ **Reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides to what can be absorbed by the plants the chemicals are supporting.**
- ◆ Keep leaves, fecal matter, and organic matter out of the lake, off the streets, and away from storm sewer inlets.
- ◆ Geese dislike visual barriers between the lake and feeding areas. Vegetate the edge of lakefront properties with tall grasses and wildflowers because geese like mown lawns. If fences are used in lieu of plants, they should be two (2) feet high.

2017 PROPOSED PROJECTS

Projects proposed for 2017 include

- ◇ Weed treatment if required—to be monitored during the seasons for the various species of vegetation
- ◇ New signage for the beach area to consolidate and replace the old faded signs (most of the signs are regulatory requirements). *Jill Radwell and Jon Wood volunteered to coordinate this project.*
- ◇ New water fountain at the beach, to replace the one displaced by the playground equipment. *Scheduled for spring.*
- ◇ Replacing the worn / damaged picnic tables. *Beth Lohne volunteered to shop for options to propose.*
- ◇ Fixing the grill top and grill surfaces.
- ◇ Tennis Court refurbishing, and adding lines / net controller to accommodate Pickleball on both courts
- ◇ Fixing / replacing the broken lock at the boat ramp.
- ◇ Replace the buoys (Dave Volpe)

BEACH CLEAN-UP

Beach clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, starting at noon.

Old clothes, rakes and gloves will be the order of the day. With enough hands, we should be finished in a few hours.

Don't forget to pick up your boat decals and beach id's while there.

Beach Clean-up Task List to include:

- ◇ Inspect playground to ensure all bolts secure and surfaces in good condition, replenish sand in drop zones.
- ◇ Information board / cabinet to be cleaned up (Braxton Varakin volunteered to lead this one)
- ◇ Rake leaves out of the lake to the side of the dock
- ◇ Clean up trash & debris along the lake (Mike Vogel to coordinate; bring your canoe/kayak; this could be fun for the kids)
- ◇ Paint the shed
- ◇ Replace the chains on the older swing set (Jon Wood & Braxton)
- ◇ Check the basketball hoops for repair /replacement
- ◇ Move sand to the area around the dock step-up (bring wheelbarrows & shovels for this one)

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**Want to volunteer to help
the community?**

**We have several openings
for Committee leaders, and
always welcome extra
hands and new ideas.**

**Contact any of the trustees
to volunteer or get more
information.**



Visit us on the web:
oakwoodlakesassociation.com/



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OAKWOOD COMMITTEE LEADS

Beach Clean Up	Dave Volpe
Boat Rack Coordinator	Dave Volpe
Easter Egg Hunt	Nina Cugini
Newsletter	Open for Volunteer
Picnic Schedules	David Volpe
Playground	Stacy Pogoda
Steak by the Lake	Open for Volunteer
Summer Picnic	Open for Volunteer
Welcome Committee	Stacy Pogoda, Anita Sulpizi
Yard Sale Committee	Mike Vogel