



# THE OAKLEAF

MARCH 2023

## ANNUAL MEETING 2023

Oakwood Lakes’ annual meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, virtually via Zoom. There were 27 properties logged on. The slides from the meeting are on our [website](#).

Three trustees were re-elected for three-year terms: Doug Emenecker, Bill McGehrin and Shana Perrone. Rich Schneidereit has retired from the board, so we welcomed Kim Corcoran as a new member of our Board of Trustees.

We reviewed the projects and events from 2022, including the new picnic tables and signage, the food trucks and the Little Library.

Finances and member statistics were reviewed, with no additional proposals. Reminder that our fees increased starting in 2023, per the vote at last year’s meeting.

We had discussions on projects to be done this year, detailed on page 3.

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

*Thanks to Rich Schneidereit for almost 3 decades of volunteer service to our community!*

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### UPCOMING

- \* Lake Lowering-3/3 to 3/27
- \* Annual invoices mailed—payments due March 31
- \* Egg Hunt—week of April 3
- \* Beach Clean-up—Sun. 4/23  
⇒ See list inside page 3

### Reminders

- ⇒ Please make party requests as early as possible, especially for the late June graduation season. Get the form on our website [here](#).
- ⇒ Check out [Oakwood Lakes Social](#), the resident-run social Facebook page.

### KEEP IT CLEAN

Please make sure you pick up after your pooch. They leave it, you retrieve it!  
Please discard your used masks and other trash properly.

## 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.

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## ABOUT TREES

Please help keep our roads & power lines safe by checking your trees and removing any that are leaning significantly.

Also, lakefront residents need to remove any trees hanging on the lake from their property.

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.
- ◆ Don't forget, if you are 62 or older, you get the senior discount. Let us know!

## 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| ◆ Lake Lowering*    | March 3 thru March 27     |
| ◆ Egg Hunt          | Week of April 3, date TBA |
| ◆ Beach Clean-Up    | Sunday, April 23, Noon    |
| ◆ Summer Picnic     | Saturday, June 24         |
| ◆ Steak by the Lake | Saturday, Sept. 9         |
| ◆ Yard Sale         | Saturday, Sept. 30        |
| ◆ Lake Lowering*    | 1st 2 weeks October       |
| ◆ Winter Luminaries | Friday, Dec 24            |

*\* Permit required, weather dependent; Opportunity to clean up leaves, lakebed*

## LAKE LOWERING DISCUSSION

There was a lively discussion about the lake lowering schedule, with some residents objecting to the lake's being lowered for the whole month of October as in the past, few years as it spoils the ability to enjoy the autumn leaf changing season on the water. Those who do the work of cleaning in the water, especially around Haines Creek contend that early October is when the water is warm enough to enter. Although the current proposal is for two weeks instead of four, a consensus was not reached.

It was agreed that we will lay out the pros and cons in an email and solicit opinions from residents, with a possible additional meeting to discuss and decide.

## 2022 COMPLETED PROJECTS

- ◇ •New Picnic Tables - \$6,632
- ◇ •Beach grooming / sand recovery - \$1,500
- ◇ •New Signage at beach, Ramblewood – \$2,563
- ◇ •Installed Little Library - \$583
- ◇ •Muckaway for removal of built-up sediment in lake - \$3,945
- ◇ •Clean up entrance signs – thanks Boyd & Melissa Adams

## 2023 PROPOSED PROJECTS

### Projects proposed for 2023 include:

- ◇ •Weed treatment if necessary
- ◇ •Replace picnic tables - \$2,400
- ◇ •Beach replenishment as usual - \$1,500
- ◇ •Additional sand and gravel - \$1,000
- ◇ •Fence / rail replacements - \$600
- ◇ •Muckaway for removal of built-up sediment in lake - \$4k
- ◇ •Replace tennis court fence (rust, posts rotting) – \$10,000
- ◇ •Replace shed roof - \$3,000
- ◇ •Remove debris pulled from lake by dam - tbd

## 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.

⇒ *Muckaway will be available for pick-up—bring a plastic coffee container or 1 or 2 one-gallon zip lock bags.*

### Beach Clean-up Task List to include:

- ◇ Inspect playground to ensure all bolts secure and surfaces in good condition, replenish sand in drop zones.
- ◇ Rake leaves out of the lake to the side of the dock.
- ◇ Organize inside of shed.
- ◇ Check the entrance signs and remove accumulated trash.
- ◇ Clear brush around boat rack.

## HELP TO MAINTAIN OUR WATER QUALITY

- ◆ **Please do not feed waterfowl**, including ducks. It increases resident populations of geese/ducks, increases the water bacteria count and is illegal. 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.
- ◆ **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.

**MARCH 2023**

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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.**



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Visit us on the web:  
[oakwoodlakesassociation.com/](http://oakwoodlakesassociation.com/)

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## OAKWOOD TRUSTEES

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## OAKWOOD COMMITTEE LEADS

Beach Clean Up	- David Volpe/Shana Perrone
Boat Rack	- David Volpe
Easter Egg Hunt	- Nina Cugini
Picnic Schedules	- David Volpe
Steak by the Lake	- Shana Perrone
Summer Picnic	- Karelis Pickus / Shana Perrone
Welcome Committee	- Liz Allan
Winter Luminaries	- Michele Brodecki
Yard Sale Committee	- Ted Salkin