



# THE OAKLEAF

MARCH 2024

## ANNUAL MEETING 2024

Oakwood Lakes' annual meeting was held on Monday, February 19, at Lake Pine clubhouse and virtually via Zoom. Eleven residents and five trustees attended in person, with six residents and four trustees on the Zoom call.

The slides from the meeting are on our [website](#).

Three trustees were re-elected for three-year terms: Mary Ann Brookes, Mike Hartshorne and Brett Pickus.

We reviewed the projects and events from 2023, including the new picnic tables, added beach sand and tree removals.

Finances and member statistics were reviewed, with no additional proposals.

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.

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### UPCOMING

- \* Lake Lowering-March
- \* Annual invoices mailed—payments due  
March 31
- \* Egg Hunt—week of March 25
- \* Beach Clean-up—Sun. 4/21  
⇒ See list inside page 3

## WANTED

- Lifeguards for summer at the beach
- Lake Janitor position for summer, 1-2 hours in the evenings for clean-up at beach

## Reminders

- ⇒ Please make party requests as early as possible, especially for the late June graduation season. Get the form on our website [here](#).
- ⇒ Please make sure you pick up after your pooch. They leave it, you retrieve it!
- ⇒ Check out [Oakwood Lakes Social](#), the resident-run social Facebook page.

## 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!

## 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ Lake Lowering\* March
- ◆ Egg Hunt Week of March 25, date TBA
- ◆ Beach Clean-Up Sunday, April 21, Noon
- ◆ Summer Picnic Saturday, June 22
- ◆ Fireworks Watch Join us on the lake
- ◆ Steak by the Lake Saturday, Sept. 7
- ◆ Yard Sale Saturday, Sept. 28
- ◆ Lake Lowering\* last 2 weeks October
- ◆ Halloween Event to be discussed
- ◆ Winter Luminaries Tuesday, Dec 24

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

## DISCUSSIONS - SPEEDING, FEES

There was a discussion about the ongoing speeding issue in the community, with reports from a few residents who have contacted Medford Twp PD. The PD has conducted studies, concluding that speeding does not hit a problem threshold, and speed bumps are not an option. They have provided the speed indicators and increased patrols, Our best recourse right now is to keep calling to get these remedies more frequently.

A suggestion was made to raise our fees each year to increase our capital fund to cover large projects or disasters. We discussed our fees vs. similar neighbors. Ours are lower but not by that much. We voted for the 2023 increase as a single bump instead of doing it incrementally over 3 years, Therefore, the suggestion was not seconded.

## 2023 COMPLETED PROJECTS

- ◇ New Picnic Tables - \$6,462
- ◇ Beach grooming / new sand - \$3,172
- ◇ Muckaway for removal of built-up sediment in lake - \$3,945
- ◇ Trees / debris removed by dam - \$1,386
- ◇ Trees removed various assn. sites - \$2,133

## 2024 PROPOSED PROJECTS

### Projects proposed for 2024 include:

- ◇ Weed treatment if necessary
- ◇ Replace picnic tables - \$6,500
- ◇ Beach replenishment as usual - \$1,500
- ◇ Lake Restocking - \$1,500
- ◇ Tree Removals - \$5,000
- ◇ Muckaway for removal of built-up sediment in lake - \$4k
- ◇ Replace shed roof - \$3,000
- ◇ Repair base of entrance sign on Ramblewood - tbd

## BEACH CLEAN-UP

**Beach clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 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.
- ◇ Clear the storm drains near the intersection of Pine, Cedar & Oakwood

## 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.

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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/](http://oakwoodlakesassociation.com/)



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## OAKWOOD COMMITTEE LEADS

Beach Clean Up  
Boat Rack  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Picnic Schedules  
Steak by the Lake  
Summer Picnic  
Welcome Committee  
Winter Luminaries  
Yard Sale Committee

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- Shana Perrone  
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