



# THE OAKLEAF

MARCH 2021

## ANNUAL MEETING 2021

Oakwood Lakes' annual meeting was held on Monday, February 22, virtually via Zoom. There were 26 properties logged on.

Two trustees were re-elected for three-year terms: Mary Ann Brookes and Steve Deringer. Danny Gaehring has decided to retire from the board, and we welcomed Brett Pickus as a new member of our Board of Trustees.

We reviewed the many projects completed in 2020, including the major renovation of the tennis courts and BBQ's, and installing electric service to the shed.

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

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 Danny Gaehring & Welcome Brett Pickus!*

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### UPCOMING

- \* Lake Lowering-3/12 to 3/29
- \* Annual invoices mailed—payments due March 31
- \* Egg Hunt—week of April 28
- \* Beach Clean-up—Sun. 4/25  
⇒ See list inside page 3

## KEEP IT CLEAN

Please make sure you pick up after your pooch. They leave it, you retrieve it! Masks and other PPE do not belong on the ground. Please take yours with you to dispose of it properly. We don't have a paid janitor.

## 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.
- ◆ 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!

## 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ Lake Lowering                      March 12 thru March 29  
    –*Opportunity for residents to clean up leaves, lakebed*
- ◆ Egg Hunt                              Week of March 28, date TBA
- ◆ Beach Clean-Up                      Sunday, April 25, Noon
- ◆ Summer Picnic                      Saturday, June 26
- ◆ Steak by the Lake                    Saturday, Sept. 11
- ◆ Yard Sale                              Saturday, Oct. 16
- ◆ Winter Luminaries                    Friday, Dec 24

## 2020 COMPLETED PROJECTS

- ◇ Replaced BBQ Grills - \$2,344
- ◇ Fixed grill top and grill surfaces – \$4,066
- ◇ Resurfaced tennis courts - \$30,026
- ◇ Beach grooming / sand recovery - \$1,450
- ◇ Installed electricity to shed - \$938
- ◇ Legal Consultation re: non-payers – \$2,488
- ◇ Trees removed by beach & creek by Elm bridge - \$1,275
- ◇ Distributed Muckaway for removal of built-up sediment in lake - \$3,732

## 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.

## 2021 PROPOSED PROJECTS

### Projects proposed for 2021 include:

- ◇ Weed treatment if required—to be monitored during the seasons for the various species of vegetation
- ◇ Install lighting and security cameras to address vandalism
- ◇ Explore beach erosion mitigation / drainage
- ◇ Research adding Wi-Fi to Shed for Beach/BBQ use
- ◇ Re-install phone to shed to meet emergency regs
- ◇ Distribute MuckAway to remove built-up sediment in lake (pick up at Beach Clean-Up)
- ◇ New signage for the beach area to consolidate and replace the old faded signs (most of the signs are regulatory requirements).

## BEACH CLEAN-UP

**Beach clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, April 25 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.*

⇒ *You can 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.
- ◇ Trim the vegetation along the side of the beach.
- ◇ Rake leaves out of the lake to the side of the dock.
- ◇ Organize inside of shed.
- ◇ Check the basketball hoops for repair /replacement.
- ◇ Clear brush around boat rack

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Oakwood Community Assn  
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Medford, NJ 08055

**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	Dave Volpe
Boat Rack Coordinator	Dave Volpe
Easter Egg Hunt	Nina Cugini
Picnic Schedules	David Volpe
Playground	Keith Pogoda
Steak by the Lake	Shana Perrone
Summer Picnic	Meredith Lorrilliere
Welcome Committee	Liz Allan
Winter Luminaries	Michele Brodecki
Yard Sale Committee	Ted Salkin