



THE OAKLEAF

MARCH 2020

ANNUAL MEETING 2020

Oakwood Lakes' annual meeting was held on Wednesday, February 25, at the Lake Pine clubhouse. The turn out included twelve resident members in addition to the trustees.

Two trustees were re-elected for three-year terms: Doug Emenecker and Bill McGehrin. With the loss of Mike Vogel, who is moving out of the neighborhood, we welcomed Shana Perrone as a new member of our Board of Trustees.

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

We are seeking volunteers for the Welcome Committee and Yard Sale. Thanks to Mike Vogel for doing such a fantastic job on the Yard Sale for the past few years!

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.

Thanks Mike Vogel & Welcome Shana Perrone!

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UPCOMING

- * Lake Lowering-3/14 to 3/31
- * Annual invoices mailed—payments due March 31
- * Egg Hunt—week of April 5
- * Beach Clean-up and ID Pick-up—Sun. 4/26
⇒ See list inside page 3

BRUSH COLLECTION

Brush collection for 2020 begins on March 30th, with Zone 2, which includes Oakwood, scheduled for the week of March 30. Please do not put brush out at other times, and remember that contractors are required to remove debris, such as cut trees when they do removal.

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, 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!

2020 EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ Lake Lowering March 14 thru March 31
 —Opportunity for residents to clean up leaves, lakebed
- ◆ Egg Hunt Week of April 5, date TBA
- ◆ Beach Clean-Up Sunday, April 26, Noon
- ◆ Summer Picnic Saturday, June 27
- ◆ Steak by the Lake Saturday, Sept. 12
- ◆ Yard Sale Saturday, Oct. 17

2019 COMPLETED PROJECTS

- ◇ Entrance sign replaced at Tuckerton Rd, paid by the driver who damaged it
- ◇ Lily pad treatment
- ◇ Tree removal by tennis court and beach
- ◇ Muckaway for removal of built-up sediment distributed to residents
- ◇ Water pump parts replaced / repaired
- ◇ Eagle Scout Projects (thanks Craig Droke) built new lifeguard stand & cleaned up the creek cove off Cedar Trail
- ◇ Beach sand recovery and grooming completed
- ◇ Repaired benches by volleyball court

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.

2020 PROPOSED PROJECTS

Projects proposed for 2020 include:

- ◇ Weed treatment if required—to be monitored during the seasons for the various species of vegetation
- ◇ Install electricity to shed for internal lights, required telephone; replace bulbs
- ◇ Install lighting and security cameras to address vandalism
- ◇ Fix the grill top and grill surfaces, replace grills
- ◇ Fix / replace the broken lock and chain at the boat ramp
- ◇ Resurface tennis courts, adding 3” of macadam to extend repair life
- ◇ 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 26 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.*

⇒ *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.
- ◇ 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.

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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
Picnic Schedules	David Volpe
Playground	Keith Pogoda
Steak by the Lake	Shana Perrone
Summer Picnic	Meredith Lorrilliere
Welcome Committee	Open for volunteer
Yard Sale Committee	Open for volunteer