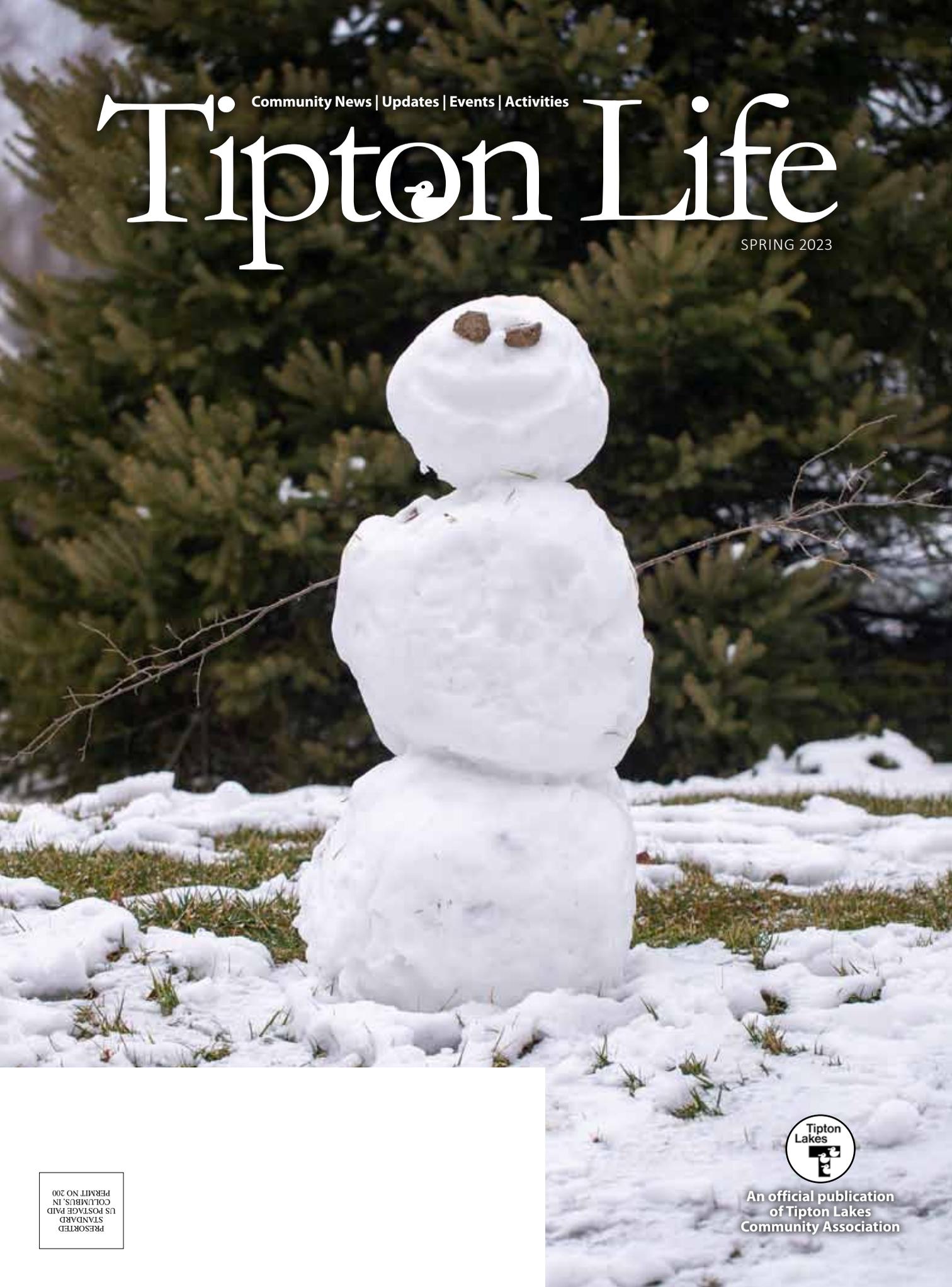


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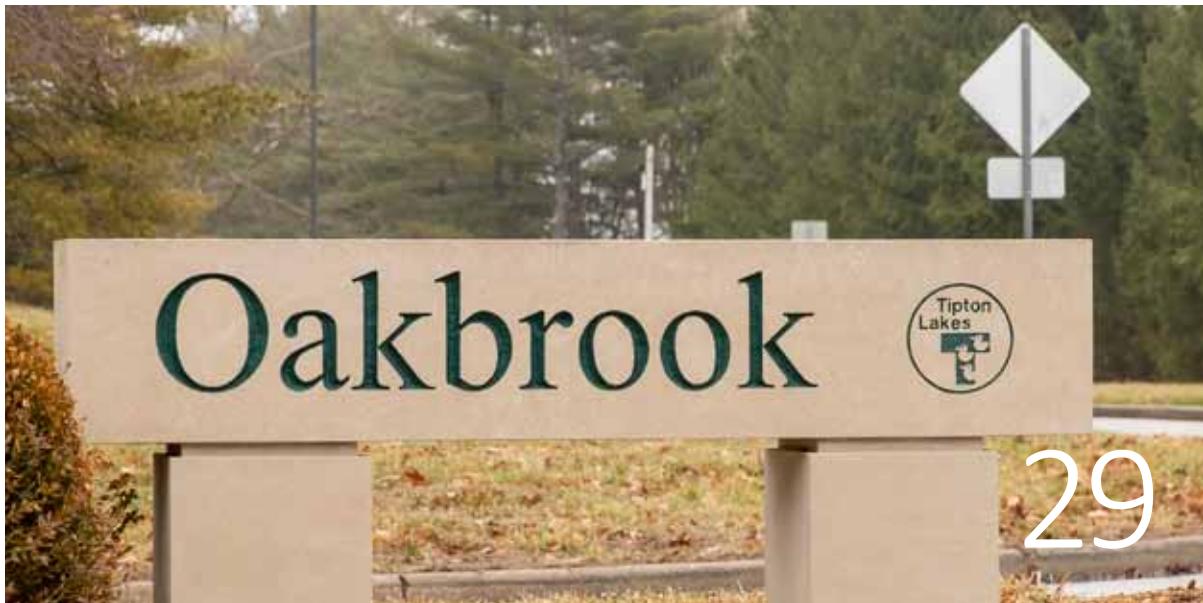
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Monday, March 27, 2023

Wednesday, May 22, 2023

Monday, July 24, 2023

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Director's Note

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Oakbrook is the largest Cluster, at least by the number of lots, in Tipton Lakes. It was developed in 1992 and became a great family neighborhood. This Cluster is perfect for a family just starting out or those that wish to downsize. Check out a couple of our families from Oakbrook on page 29, to see why Oakbrook and Tipton Lakes are special to them.

Tipton Life™ is the official magazine of Tipton Lakes Community Association. All information included in each and every edition is generated in partnership between Aim Media Indiana and TLCA. You can count on up-to-date, factual and informative news here. In addition, we hope Tipton Life™ will help our members get to know our community and neighbors. Whether you are new to the community or have lived here for many years, our magazine is designed with you in mind.

You can help us make Tipton Life™ more meaningful by making content suggestions and participating in our news gathering. If you have information you would like to share or have content suggestions, please contact the Association Office at 812-342-8522 or by email at welcome@tiptonlakes.com.

Tipton Lakes Community Association Staff

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the association is to promote an attractive environment where people will want to reside. This will be accomplished through community involvement in landscaping and lake maintenance, architectural review, rules enforcement, effective communication and community interaction. Through this effort the association supports each resident's desire to protect their property value.

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Welcome new members! On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Association Staff, we would like to welcome you to Tipton Lakes. We hope you are enjoying your new home and your new community.

By this time, you should have received your “Green Book”, the complete set of Governing Documents of Tipton Lakes Community Association. These documents explain your membership and the other aspects of your Community Association. All members, including renters, must abide by the provisions of these documents. In addition, you should have received, a welcome bag with additional information and goodies.

Take time to stop by the Association office, located at the Marina, to meet the staff. We want to get to know you and your family. To help the staff, please be sure to send us your membership agreement and your survey. This information is essential and enables the Association to keep records of our membership.

Once again, welcome to Tipton Lakes. The Board and staff are here to help make life at Tipton Lakes more enjoyable. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, feel free to contact us at the Association office, 812-342-8522 or at welcome@tiptonlakes.com. Please do get involved in your association.

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Hello Tipton Lakes Members!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Executive Director of Tipton Lakes Community Association. My first day on the job was January 3 and I have been quickly learning as much as possible every day since, with the help of Staci Likens, Nancy Battin, Board Members, and residents like you. I'm excited to serve everyone in this fantastic community and look forward to working with you to ensure that Tipton Lakes continues to be a wonderful place to live.

Sincerely, Ben Wagner

WHAT IS A QUORUM AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

A quorum is the minimum number of owners who must be at a meeting before business can be transacted. Our Governing Documents tells us what that minimum number is for our association. It's relatively low, but we still have a tough time getting to it. It's a common problem in many associations.

Meetings that don't have a quorum must be adjourned and rescheduled at a later date. This costs the association money and creates more work. And, achieving a quorum at a second meeting—if we couldn't get one the first time—is even harder.

So, why bother to try again? Because the board is legally obligated to conduct an annual meeting. It's an important part of conducting association business. During the annual meeting, new board members are elected. No quorum—no election. This means the current directors will have to continue serving until an election can be conducted or serve until they resign and the Board will appoint new directors.

Good news: You can be "at" a meeting and be across the country at the same time by signing a proxy! That's how you assign your vote, in writing, to another person. Proxies count toward the quorum, so they're very important to the association.

We ask you to complete a proxy form, even if you plan to attend the meeting. That's just in case something comes up that prevents you from attending.

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Running for the Board – Do I Have What It Takes?

If you're considering running for the board, we ask that you take a few moments to ask yourself the following three questions:

DO I HAVE THE TIME?

As a board member, you will need to devote a couple of hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular board and committee meetings, you will need to be active in email discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on association business. Some board members may also spend a little more time than others if they work with a committee.

CAN I MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS WHEN IT'S REQUIRED?

The primary role of the board is to conduct the business of the association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors and make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

CAN I DO ALL THIS AND HAVE FUN, TOO?

It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it, and establishing and maintaining a sense of community are part of a board member's responsibility. Planning and attending functions such as our social events and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

Being a board member can be frustrating at times, but it may also be one of the most rewarding ways you'll find to volunteer your time. If you're interested in running for the board or would like more details about board responsibilities, please contact the executive director or a current board member.

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Please bring six eggs filled with store wrapped candy for each child participating in the activity to the Association Office no later than Friday, April 7th.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS

This year's winners were given a Target gift card as a small token of our appreciation for making the holiday season more festive with their lighting efforts.



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DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS



A key component to the success of the association's ability to uphold our mission is the design review process.

Section 3.02(iv) of the association's declaration says, "Another purpose of the Association is to regulate design and construction throughout the Common Areas and Properties during the initial development stages and afterwards, in order to promote a high quality, aesthetically pleasing, architecturally sound environment and to generally maintain and enhance property values throughout the Properties."

Many who built their homes here are introduced to the design process during new construction. Complete plans are presented for approval prior to construction. Once the home design is approved and the home is built, all exterior changes require approval of the Design Review Committee, which is administered by Tipton Lakes Community Association.

The association has attempted to streamline the design review process and avoid creating unnecessary paperwork. However, contemplated improvements must be approved by the DRC prior to construction. In order to aid the association and its members with this process, the association developed a set of design review guidelines. In preparing these guidelines, the association leaned heavily on the experience of more mature planned communities. Each section was added because of a challenging area that developed in an existing association. Our intention was for the guidelines not to be viewed as limiting our members' freedom to act, but viewed as the best means available to protect property values.

The following are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions:

What is the Design Review Committee?

The Design Review Committee is a standing committee of the association as outlined in the governing documents. The committee's duties include to "review and approve, modify or disapprove, within 45 days, all written applications of Owners and of the Association for improvements or additions to Lots, Living units or Common Areas." The work of this important committee of the association aids in the establishment and maintenance of high quality design standards for structures and landscaping throughout our community.

What types of projects are considered exterior modifications?

An exterior modification includes any change to the home or the landscaping (outside of existing beds). Examples include but are not limited to: exterior painting, decks, roof replacement, room additions, landscape additions, tree removals and swimming pools.

How do I obtain approval for my project?

The first step is to complete an Application for Modification. The form is available at the association office or online at www.tiptonlakes.com. Complete the form and attach photos, scale drawings and sample materials as required and described as part of the application process.

When does the Design Review Committee meet?

The committee meets during the second week of every month. All applications received by the first Monday of the month are guaranteed review at that month's meeting, as long as all required materials are submitted with the application. The winter season generally sees less activity than the spring, summer and fall. If you are planning an upcoming project, now is a great time to get your project approved by the committee. Approvals are valid for up to one year from the date of approval.

Who can I call with questions about my project?

The association staff is available to assist you with completing your application. Nancy Battin administers the application process for the members. She is available to answer your questions and assist you through the application process. Nancy can be reached at the association office by calling 812-342-8522 or by email at nancy.battin@tiptonlakes.com.

If you are considering a change to the exterior of your home or property, have reviewed the guidelines and have lingering questions, our best advice is to contact the association office for assistance. We will make every effort to assist you through the process, answer your questions and provide feedback in a timely manner. The association strives to provide assistance that minimizes confusion or frustration as we partner with our members to uphold our mission.



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The items listed below are a friendly reminder of often overlooked rules or maintenance items within Tipton Lakes.

1. EXTERIOR CHANGES TO YOUR HOME REQUIRE A DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION.

The form is available at the association office or via the internet at www.tiptonlakes.com. Complete the form and attach photos, scale drawings and sample materials as required and described as part of the application process.

2. TRAMPOLINES REQUIRE A DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION.

The application must show the equipment in the backyard and not visible from the street or the lake. Inside storage during off-season months is strongly encouraged. The form is available at the association office or on the internet at www.tiptonlakes.com.

3. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PET WASTE.

Pet waste should not be left along walk paths or in common areas, the marina or park areas. Please remove and properly dispose of pet waste.

4. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SHOULD BE DOWN AND PUT AWAY FOR THE YEAR.

Christmas lights are temporary exterior decorative objects. They should be removed within two months following Jan. 1.

5. TRASH TOTERS SHOULD NOT BE VISIBLE FROM THE STREET.

Trash toters should be stored out of sight, such as in a garage or screened from view, when not in use. Please do not leave your toter out where it can be easily seen from the street view of your home. The association regularly inspects the property for toter violations. Members will receive a violation notice if the toter is not stored properly.

6. CHICKENS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN TIPTON LAKES.

No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot or in the common areas, except dogs, cats or customary household pets.

7. YOUR GRASS AND LANDSCAPE BEDS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WEEKLY. IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE.

Owner shall promptly perform all maintenance and repair within his own lot and on the adjacent road right-of-way. Each lot shall be maintained, neat, clean and free of paper, trash, uncut weeds or unsightly growth or other debris.

8. EXTERIOR PAINT THAT HAS FADED OR IS PEELING.

If selecting a new paint color, external color schemes are subject to review and approval by the Design Review Committee.

9. EXTERIOR OF HOME NEEDS TO BE POWER-WASHED.

The owner shall maintain the lot in such a manner as to prevent it from becoming unsightly; specifically, such owner shall prevent any condition that tends to detract from or diminish the aesthetic appearance of the lot.

10. PROPERTIES THAT HAVE DEAD TREES.

The owner shall maintain the lot in such a manner as to prevent it from becoming unsightly; specifically, such owner shall cut down and remove dead trees. Removal of trees requires a design review application.

RIP RAP, DREDGING, SAND LAKEFRONT PROPERTIES

If you are a lake front property owner and had “rip-rap” or sand installed on your beach by Sam Vasquez in the past, this service will no longer be available. Sam has decided he will no longer be providing work from the water via the Tipton Lakes barge.

As an alternative, If you are in need of “rip-rap” at the shoreline, dredging around your dock, or sand on your beach, PAF Construction will be on the lake the week of April 17th-21st. You can reach the owner, Jeremiah Percival at 812-521-1973 to obtain a quote and to schedule for the work you would like him to complete. Please contact Jeremiah by April 1st to secure the work to be completed. This will be the only time during 2023 that a homeowner will have the opportunity to have work completed from the water by PAF. If this opportunity is missed, then the work would need to be completed from your lot or to be postponed until the following year.

As a reminder, each Owner of a Lot that abuts a pond, lake, canal, creek, or other body of water within Tipton Lakes is required to maintain the shoreline (including the “rip-rap” rock) and water’s edge adjacent to the Lot neat and clean and free of paper, trash, uncut weeds or unsightly growth or other debris.



LAKE TREATMENT DATES

Due to the continued algae in the lake, the Tipton Lakes Community Association Board of Directors at the recommendation of the Lake Committee and Finance Committee approved to continue with the three extra scheduled lake treatments by Aquatic Control in the months of June, July, and August.

Watch for red buoys indicating a lake treatment has been performed. When red buoys are out on the water, swimming is prohibited. Expected treatment dates for 2023 are: April 4, May 9, June 6, June 20, June 27, July 18, August 7, August 21, and September 12. Treatment dates are subject to change based on the condition of the lake.



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All dates and events are subject to change. Please check our website, www.tiptonlakes.com, prior to each event.

The Community Relations Committee is organizing another active year of social opportunities in 2023. Here are just a few to jot down on your calendar. More details will be available as final plans are made for the events or call the association office at 812-342-8522 for up-to-date information.

APRIL 8

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m.

Bring six plastic eggs filled with treats for each participant by April 7 to the association office.

APRIL 17

Tipton Lakes Community Association 2023 Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Westside Community Church, 124 Tipton Lakes Blvd. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a reception, refreshments will be served.

MAY 6

Marina open for the season

JUNE 2-3

Tipton Lakes Annual Garage Sale

Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the association office no later than May 26 to include your address on the garage sale ad.

JUNE 17

Fishing Clinic, 9 to 11 a.m.

Sponsored by Jeremy Pushor of JS&S Boat Storage.

Bring your young children or grandchildren ages 6 to 12 for this fun fishing clinic. The objective is to have a hands-on experience where the children can learn to tie a fishing knot, bait their hook with crickets or worms, touch fish that we will have in a minnow bucket, plus catch fish from our dock. There is no fee for the event, however, please call the association office at 812-342-8522 or email welcome@tiptonlakes.com to let us know if you plan to attend.

JULY 1

July Fourth Celebration

Tipton Lakes marina. Parade at 7 p.m. and fireworks at 10 p.m. Please note that marina boat ramp access is limited during this event.



AUG. 5

Triathlon

Tipton Lakes Community will again be the host site for the 25th annual triathlon on Saturday, August 5th. TRI Columbus is organized by the Columbus Running Club and TRI-812. All proceeds benefit the running club's youth programs. If you are interested in volunteering or participating in the event, you can sign up at runcolumbus.org. *Please note that the marina parking lot and boat ramp will be closed during the event.

SEPT. 15

Winedown at the Marina

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GREEN GRASS AND CLEAR WATER

Water quality friendly lawn care and fertilizer recommendations for Tipton Lakes Community Association

This article is intended to help educate our members on the appropriate way to care for your lawns in such way that lawn care chemicals are minimized in the storm water runoff into our lakes. This concern is applicable to all residents since rainwater from all properties goes to the lake.

Some lawn care practices create water quality problems. Excess nutrients (including nitrogen and phosphorus) found in fertilizer that runs off our properties into our local bodies of water can trigger algal blooms. It's likely that you and your neighbors believe having a lawn that is safe for the environment is very important. Below are some practices for creating and maintaining a healthy lawn that is attractive and safer for the environment.

SIMPLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EVERY LAWN

GRASS SEED

Consider choosing grass varieties that requires less maintenance and are appropriate for the area, such as a high quality fescue blend. Fescue is very disease and drought tolerant once established. Seed should be put down in the fall around the Labor Day.

DON'T OVERWATER

Overwatering can lead to runoff and leaching of contaminants into lakes. 1 inch to 1 ½ inch of water a week in July and Aug is plenty for the grass to survive. Overwatering increases runoff and shallow root growth which is not healthy. Water twice daily with short run times at 3-5 a.m. and 9-11 p.m. this gives ample opportunity for absorption.

TEST YOUR SOIL

To have your soil tested; contact Purdue Extension Bartholomew County at 812-379-1675. Sometimes adjusting the soil pH or organic matter are the only treatments needed to improve a lawn. If the soil test results are acceptable but your lawn is not, then check for other problems like pest or fungal infestations.

MOW SMART

Mow grass 3" or higher. Leave the clippings to provide a source of slow-release nutrients. NEVER dispose or blow clippings into storm drains, drainage areas or lakes.

KNOW WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MUCH FERTILIZER TO APPLY

When: No earlier than spring green-up and no later than end of September to ensure proper soil temperature for grass to take up nutrients. Fertilization should only occur three to four times a year.

Where and How Much: Measure the dimensions of the area that needs fertilizer; use the square footage to determine how much fertilizer to use. Use only what you need. Know your local and state laws regarding fertilizer. Do not apply fertilizer within 10 feet of water.

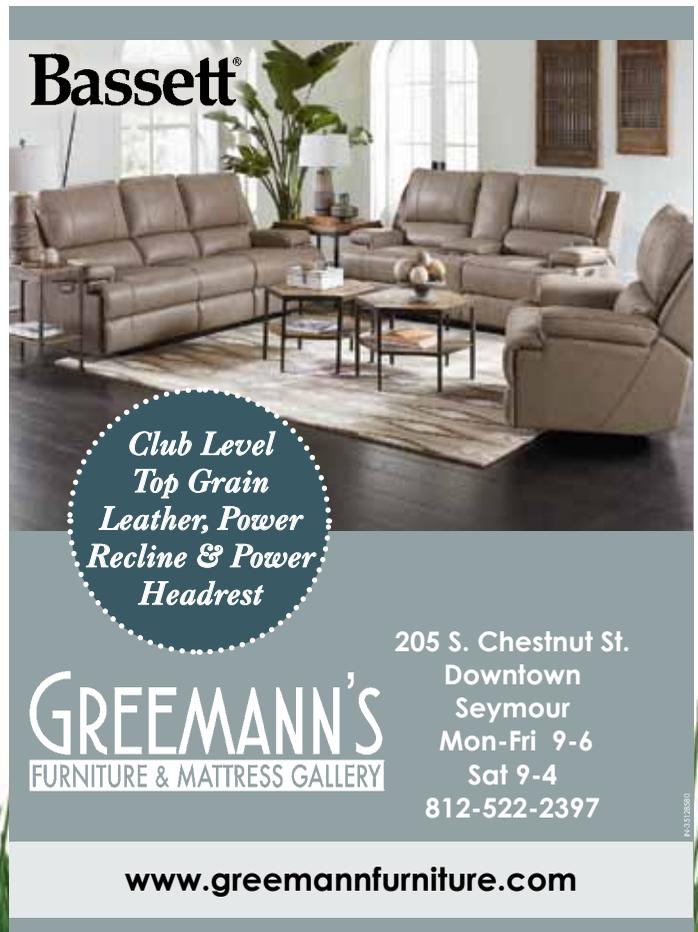
CHOOSE RIGHT FERTILIZER

Slow-release formulations, zero to low phosphorus and organic fertilizers are most beneficial to the soil. Over applying any type of fertilizer or over-irrigating can lead to water quality problems. The three numbers on a bag of fertilizer form what is called the fertilizer's N-P-K ratio. The proportion of three plant nutrients in order: nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). The middle number should be zero.

Tipton Lakes Members who used our lakes for recreation purposes last year observed firsthand a severe algae bloom (picture included). Aquatic Control, our lake treatment supplier, indicates several contributors to this problem: (shallow lake, age of the lake, stirred up sediment during lake dredging and excess nutrients from fertilizers.)

The Lakes Committee of Tipton Lakes appreciates your consideration of these recommendations. Please share this information with your lawn care professional. Help us protect our valuable asset, the lakes.

Please go to this link, <https://turf.purdue.edu/extpub/facts-about-phosphorus-and-lawns/> for more information.



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2023 CLUSTER COMMITTEES ELECTED BY MAIL



Cluster Committee elections will be held by mail prior to the 2023 Annual Meeting. Cluster elections will include the following areas:

Bittersweet Woods, Blackhawk, Butternut Pond, Carya Square, Fontana, Greystone, Harrison Green, Harrison Ridge, Heron Cove, Horizon West, Lexington Green, Mallard Point, Northlake Shores, Northlake Woods, Oakbrook, Oak Ridge, Pintail Landing, Pintail Point, Shadow Bay, Shoreview, Spring Hill, Stonebridge, The Preserve, Timber Ridge, Turtle Bay, Waterside, Winterberry Place, Westbrook, Westlake Hills, Westlake Park and Woodcrest Villas.

Often times, the Board relies on Cluster Committee input on various issues including budgets, common area maintenance and neighborhood gatherings. We are excited to continually reinforce the significance of member involvement. Without you, the Association could not run in a smooth and organized manner.

Please consider serving on your Cluster Committee. Nominations are due by **March 6**. Use the nomination form included in this issue. Check with the individual(s) you nominate to be sure that he/she is willing to serve prior to his/her nomination.

All members will receive a packet of information prior to the Annual Meeting. Cluster Committee ballots will be included in this packet of information and should be returned to the Association Office **PRIOR TO APRIL 12, 2023**.

Your participation is vital!

Tipton Lakes Community Association Candidate Nomination Form

2023 Annual Meeting

For Board Election:

(3 vacancies for 3-year terms)

I NOMINATE:

For Committee Elections in my Cluster:

(3 vacancies for 1-year terms)

I NOMINATE:

It is not necessary to fill in a name on each line to make a nomination.

Please consult with your nominee(s) to be assured there is an interest and willingness to serve if elected.

Your name: _____

Nominations must be received no later than March 6, 2023.

Tipton Lakes Community Association
6000 Tipton Lakes Blvd. Columbus, IN 47201

or

Submit your nominations by email to welcome@tiptonlakes.com.



MARINA RENTALS



THE BASICS

BAD WEATHER

Cancellation is **ONLY** permitted if the following conditions exist on the lake at the **TIME OF RENTAL**.

- Heavy rain lasting longer than 30 minutes.
- Lightning
- Severe weather warnings
- High wind advisories
- **ANY CONDITION DEEMED UNSAFE**

In case of inclement weather, boat rentals will be issued a credit, to be used during the current marina season. Refunds will not be issued.

RENTAL TIMES **2-4 HOURS**

Rentals are between 2 and 4 hour time blocks.

Please be sure to arrive 10 minutes prior to your rental time so you are ready to go at your start time. It is important to return a few minutes prior to your end time. Time slots cannot be extended. Our boats are on a very tight schedule and they need time to re-charge for the next rental.

\$15 LATE FEE FOR EVERY 15 MINUTES LATE

DRIVERS

WHO'S DRIVING?

As long as you...

- Are 18 or older.
- Have a valid driver's license.
- Are a member of Tipton Lakes.

We do not provide a driver.

No experience? A brief orientation will be given by a member of our staff on the boat.

We help first-time boaters understand the basics of pontoon boat driving.

CUSTOMIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE

LOVE FISHING?

BYO GEAR

You must bring your own equipment and bait.

Our boat needs to be returned in the condition it went out.

HEAR THAT?

IT'S YOUR MUSIC

The lake is surrounded by houses and is shared with many other boaters.

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL WITH YOUR VOLUME.

CAN I BRING A PET?

No, pets are not allowed on the rental boats or at the beach.

FOOD & DRINK

Yes, you can bring food on the rental boats. If you bring alcoholic beverages, please know, the same rules apply for the driver of a boat as that of a car.

The member operating the watercraft must remain sober in accordance with Indiana law.

Our boat needs to be returned in the condition it went out. GRILLING IS NOT ALLOWED.

SAFETY FIRST

BOARDING

GETTING ON & OFF

Come to the marina deck area to pay for your rental. The staff will get you loaded on the boat.

You must be back by the end of your rental period. Stop at the end of the dock and staff will park the boat.

A restroom is accessible in the lower level when the marina is open.

Swimming and floating in the lake is expected. Ladders for boarding from the water are on the boat.

HOW FAST?

4-5 HP ELECTRIC MOTOR

Our rental pontoons are NOT speedboats.

Stay at least 3 boat lengths from the rip rap or shoreline in any area.

Slowdown in the canals and marina cove.

They are equipped for a fun, relaxing day out on the water with family and friends—cruising around the lake and finding the perfect spot to anchor and enjoy the sunshine.

The back half of every boat has shade, a Bimini cover.

LIFE JACKETS?

IT'S THE LAW

We provide youth and adult life vests equal to your boat's max capacity.

State Law requires passengers 12 years old and under to wear a life jacket anytime the boat is in motion.

It is recommended that you supply your own life vest for infants and children less than 50 pounds. You know what fits them properly and will be comfortable for them.

We strongly encourage anyone in the water to have a life jacket on.

MAX CAPACITY -VARIES BY BOAT.

Each boat has a legal max capacity (6 or 9 people). This includes babies, young children, teens and adults. A FACE IS A FACE NO MATTER HOW SMALL.



WELCOME BACK MALORIE!



We're very excited to announce that Malorie Ackerman will be returning to our office as our Welcome Coordinator/Receptionist. As you may know she has several years of experience in that role and we're excited to work with her again. In addition to answering the phone and greeting members, she welcomes our new members by preparing and handling all closing documents, making sure they are provided with appropriate information to get familiar with the Tipton Lakes community. Malorie will also be planning and organizing our Tipton Lakes events. These include the Easter egg hunt, garage sales, fishing clinic, 4th of July celebration, winedown, and doughnuts with Santa. She will be taking on some additional responsibilities including managing the Marina, boat rentals, etc.

When Malorie is not at the office she stays very busy with her husband, Randall, and three children, Jaedyn (14), Easton (8), Makannah (6). She has lived in Columbus most of her life and grew up on Terrace Lake Road. We are excited to welcome her back to our team at the association office.

LOOKING FOR 2023 MARINA STAFF

MARINA STAFF DUTIES INCLUDE:

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Facilitate group reservations for outdoor and indoor areas.
- Sell boat permits, trailer permits, pool passes, etc.
- Take reservations and rent boats.
- Provide emergency service to members as needed including (but not limited to) towing disabled boats and pumping excessive water from member owned boats docked at the Marina.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

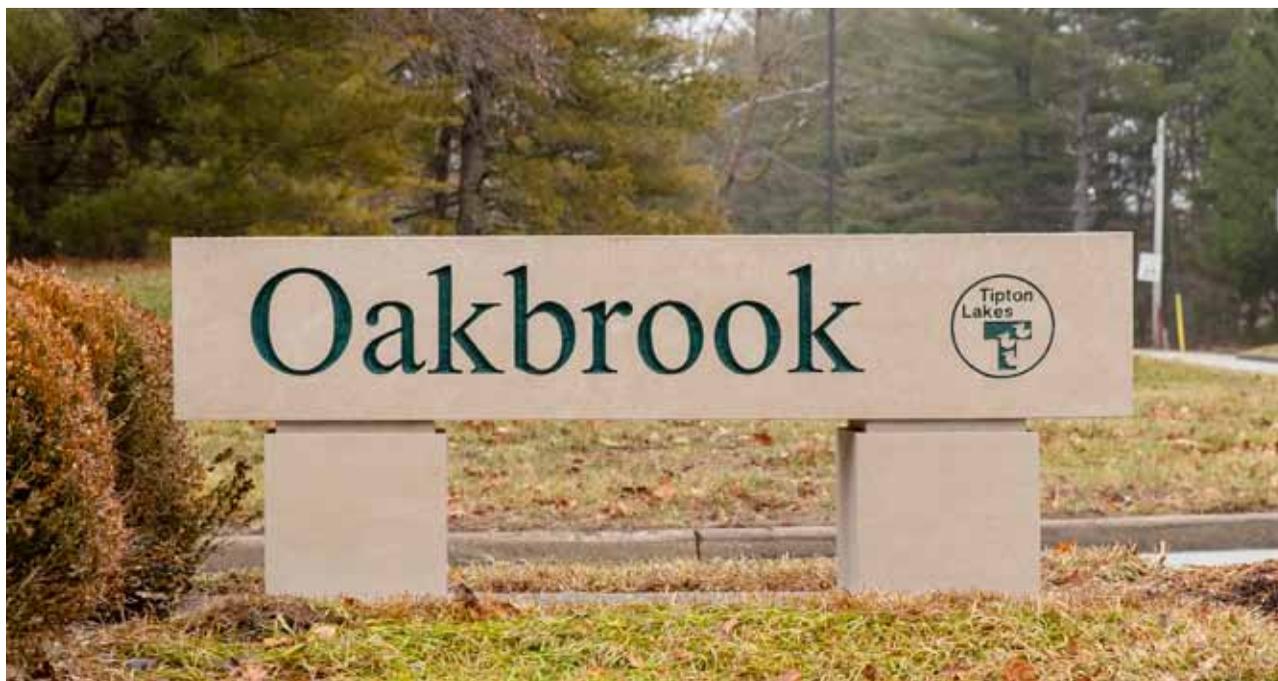
- Work from a Shift Responsibilities List in completing necessary duties to assure cleanliness of the Marina and Association Office areas including lower level, docks, beach, picnic areas, patio, and parking areas.
- Provide general upkeep of Association owned boats and equipment.

MONITORING LAKES AND MARINA AREA

- Monitor lake-use by members and attempted lake use by non-members, enforcing Board policy.
- Monitor lakes for debris and weed problems.

We are looking for energetic, hardworking, and friendly individuals who want to earn some extra money. If you yourself are interested or you know someone who might be, please come by the Association office, Monday through Friday 9:00 to 5:00 and fill out an application. Deadline to submit an application is March 31st.

“HOW THE WORLD SHOULD BE”



BY BARNEY QUICK // PHOTOS BY JANA JONES

Oakbrook is interesting, in that, while it sprawls (at 120 homes, it is the largest Tipton Lakes cluster), it's surrounded by woods on nearly all sides. The area's two major thoroughfares, Tipton Lakes Boulevard and Goeller Drive, unobtrusively define its southern and western edges, and its front door, so to speak, on Goeller, is a city park with a sizable pond. It's fairly diverse architecturally. Many houses are some blend of stone, brick and siding. Some are one-story, some have two. Some are stately edifices and some have the feel of cottages, with inviting porches. The pond and the park are major attractions

for J.D. and Sydney Wells, who live across the street.

"We like to sit on our porch and watch our kids play over there," says Sydney, an author. "There's a heron that settles on a peninsula in the pond that J.D. likes to watch."

Their Oakbrook Drive house is actually their second residence in the neighborhood. Prior to three years ago, they lived on Chinkapin Drive. They set great store by having good neighbors, and Oakbrook suits them well. "We're still closest to our Chinkapin neighbors," says J.D., an Indianapolis firefighter. "They're basically de facto grandparents."



The people who bought their Chinkapin house have also become part of their circle. “We bounce ideas off each other,” says Sydney. “They just had their first baby. The house must be conducive to fertility.” Sydney had twins while living there. There’s an understanding among their current neighbors that backyards are a common area.

“They’re all filled with kids every day after school,” says Sydney.

Trading favors is also part of the ethos along that stretch of their street.

“It’s definitely not a get-off-my-grass situation,” Sydney stresses. “It’s more like, ‘Come over and help me plant these flowers.’”

A neighbor in back raises peppers, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and herbs and gives them starts.

“He’s also always good for a sour cream loan when we’re running low on taco night,” says Sydney.

Steve and Judy Cecil have lived on Plum

Court since 1998. They are the second owners of their house, which was built in 1994. They moved there from Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina for Steve’s work at Cummins as a mechanical engineer. (The field is in the family blood; both of their sons are mechanical engineers as well.)

Oakbrook’s architectural diversity is a source of appeal to the Cecils.

“I don’t think any two houses are the same,” says Steve.

They raised their sons before arriving at Oakbrook.

There are two households that they know fairly well, due to their living at Oakbrook as long as the Cecils have. Others have moved in and out, but have been “wonderful neighbors,” according to Steve.

They also like the variety of trees, including oak, maple and sassafras, in the stands of forest that enclose the neighborhood. They see some wildlife, such as deer, squirrels, and the occasional turkey.

Oakbrook's development began in 1992. It's right across Goeller Boulevard from the North Lake Dam, so that when one is driving home from the city, the view to the left imparts the lake-community feel that's such a key factor in Tipton life. Oakbrook has a different character from the clusters surrounding that lake, however. The park and the labyrinth of streets are conducive to leisurely strolls, which, in turn are conducive to conversation. That's how social interaction happens there. It's on more of a one-on-one basis, as opposed to big get-togethers. Still, it's a place where lasting friendships are formed, and even maintained when residents move away. As J.D. Wells puts it, "Oakbrook is how the world should be."





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