

August/September  
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# Woodlands Newsletter

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**Quote**

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*Be at war with your vices and at peace with your neighbors*

Benjamin Franklin



## **What's new at the Woodlands?**

### **Annual meeting scheduled - Thursday, October 18**

The annual meeting of the Woodlands Winding Brook HOA will be held in the auditorium of the Monroe Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47408 at 7:00 pm. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Homeowners who are current on all assessments owed are eligible to vote for the three open board positions. Payments received on or before September 30, 2018, will be counted.

Packets that included a letter, agenda, proxy form, candidate statements and a sample ballot were mailed USPS to homeowners. If you have not received your packet in the mail please contact Chelsea Hendren with Mackie Properties. Email Chelsea at [chendren@mackierentalproperties.com](mailto:chendren@mackierentalproperties.com) or call 812-287-8036.

### **Election 2018**

Our process is slightly different than years past so we want to share our notes regarding changes or emphasis on rules.

#### **Nomination forms:**

- Nominations were collected by Mackie Properties on August 31<sup>st</sup>, to check eligibility and ensure that nominees were willing. Candidate statements were collected.
- Nominations are still being accepted, and will be accepted from the floor. Eligibility, and permissions will be collected and a verbal candidate statement will be requested.

#### **Proxy forms:**

- Proxy form must be signed and received by Mackie Properties no later than October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in order to have them attached to ballots. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, appoint a homeowner that you trust to vote on your behalf.
  - This does not mean voting will be done ahead of time. This is for efficiency so that proxies can be matched to ballots prior to the annual meeting.





### **Voting Instructions:**

- Vote for up to 3 candidates for the 3 open Board positions
  - You may vote for 0 candidates, 1 candidate, 2 candidates, or 3 candidates
  - No cumulative voting (you may not vote for the same candidate 2 or 3 times)
  - Vote for your selections by placing a checkmark next to your choices
- Blanks are provided for writing in up to 3 candidates nominated from the floor or write-in candidates
  - Write in a name only if you intend to vote for that candidate; then place a checkmark next to that name
  - Otherwise, leave these lines blank
- Ballots with more than 3 checkmarks will be thrown out as invalid
- A candidate must receive a majority relative to the ballots cast in order to be elected

### **Questions regarding the election or annual meeting:**

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Board of Directors - [hoa@woodlandshoa.net](mailto:hoa@woodlandshoa.net)

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### **About Us**



**Mackie Properties** has provided each homeowner with a portal to submit maintenance requests. Please make sure that your portal is activated by requesting Chelsea Hendren to activate it for you. Once it is activated, you may reach the maintenance request form from this link <https://cpw.appfolio.com/connect/>. You will need to establish a user name and password. You may also request maintenance from our website [www.woodlandshoa.net](http://www.woodlandshoa.net). Follow the link from the home page. **In case of an emergency - call 812-287-8036.**

### **Special notice:**

**Chimney inspections** have been scheduled for Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 am. Please make sure Mackie Properties has a working key for your unit.

### **Special report:**



Resident and board vice president Jeanette Clausen attended a workshop on September 8<sup>th</sup> that was sponsored by MC-IRIS (Monroe County - Identify and Reduce Invasive Species).

Jeanette reported that they focused on the most troublesome invasive plants in Monroe County. She was surprised to learn that invasives outcompete native plants by altering the soil chemistry so that it becomes less hospitable for the native plants to grow! Very sneaky.

The workshop explained the methods of getting rid of invasives. They are: mechanical (physically pulling the plants out of the ground), cultural (preventing their spread through timed mowing and targeted planting), and chemical - using herbicides. The basic message on herbicides was: read the label! "The label is the law."

The Buildings and Grounds committee will report in future newsletters on the invasives that have crept in and native plantings at the Woodlands.

With regard to the *Living with Nature* feature written by resident, Kriste Lindberg: should you ever have an encounter with a wild animal on Woodlands' property, please report it to the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR tracks the migration of animals such as cougars, fox and coyote in an urban landscape such as ours. Use this link to report any unusual encounter.

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/8497.htm>

## **Living with nature**

### ***Perseids Musings, by Kriste Lindberg***

I didn't really want to get up at 4:15 a.m., but the mid-summer night air was warm. Walking down to the common deck and taking a seat, I gazed upward to the sky. One star, two, then three, appeared over the trees from the dark eastern horizon. The three vertical lights started to take shape. Wondering, I continued searching the sky to the northeast and southeast. Sure enough, there were two other bright stars at roughly 45 degree angles above. The constellation Orion was emerging.

A few minutes later, a bit further north in the sky, I noticed the familiar shape of the littlest "dipper", the Perseids. Just then, a streak of light dashed through an opening in the canopy of trees. Then another, and another. By this time, I'm thinking I need to get a better view. I ventured off the deck and into the greenspace, laying my old military poncho out over the wet grass, just to the edge of the pond.

More streaks and blasts of light came through overhead. This was it, the once-a-year sky show that I'd risen so early for. At the same time, a jumble of feelings within – exhilaration, gratitude, security. That last one? Yes, I felt safe.

Suddenly, a shrill 'Yeowww!!!' arose from the woods to the southeast. What the heck was that!? Could it be a house cat, bobcat, or something larger? It definitely sounded 'cat'. No matter. I remained with senses heightened, attuned to the symphony of crickets, katydids and tree frogs.

More meteors streaked by and the eastern sky grew lighter. A few cars drove by on Rogers Road and I started to hear the plop, plop, plop of the newspaper being delivered to neighbors. Time for the sights and sounds of the day to have their turn.

But my wee hours with the Perseids reminded me of why I am grateful to live in The Woodlands. We sit in a little pocket of nature, there's even solitude, if you want it, nestled within an increasingly urbanized Bloomington.



Let us know if you have a story that you would like to contribute for consideration in future newsletters. Please contact us at [hoa@woodlandshoa.net](mailto:hoa@woodlandshoa.net)