

# The Woodlands

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*"Alone, we can do so little;  
together, we can do so much" -  
Helen Keller*

## Welcome to our Woodlands HOA Summer Newsletter!

We are focusing most of this newsletter on the June 18<sup>th</sup>, Neighborhood Clean-Up Day. It was an informative and beautiful weather day! We had special help from Mary from MC IRIS, and Woodland's homeowner, Blair who both lead the way for our volunteers to remove invasives around the Woodlands. During the Clean-Up Day, we learned that the Woodlands has many harmful invasives: Callery Pear, Winged Burning Bush, Asian Bittersweet, and Japanese Stilt grass, to name a few!



To learn more about Monroe County Identify and Reduce Invasive Species "MC-IRIS," go to: [www.mc-iris.org/](http://www.mc-iris.org/)

To learn more about Indiana native plants and Invasives go to: <https://indiananativeplants.org/invasive-plants/indiana-invasives-initiative-and-cismas/>

To learn more about Invasives go here: [www.invasive.org/](http://www.invasive.org/)

To learn about landscaping with non-invasive plants, go to: [www.indiananativeplants.org/landscaping/](http://www.indiananativeplants.org/landscaping/)

*Special thanks to the Buildings & Grounds Committee members who planned the Clean-Up Day: Aran, Blair & Kriste!*

## Homeowner Spotlight: Blair Beavers!!!

Our homeowner spotlight for this issue of the newsletter, is Blair Beavers ~ Buildings and Grounds Committee Member.

"I am Bloomington born and raised. I grew up right outside of the city limits off of Russell Road exploring the woods that connect Griffy Lake nature Preserve. I attended University Elementary, Tri North Middle School, and the Bloomington High School North. I didn't make it far away after that when I attended IU Bloomington where I earned my degree in Environmental Management from SPEA. However, I did study abroad in Canberra, Australia for about six months traveling and leaning about the native habitat and all that the continent has to offer. After college I worked for Bloomington Parks and Rec for about two years as a Natural Resource Education Specialist helping with the Banneker Center's Nature Club and Nature Days Field Trips at Griffy Lake and Leonard Springs. In January of 2017, I started as the Education Coordinator for Johnson County Soil & Water Conservation District. Throughout my time at Soil & Water, I have hosted the Johnson County Master Naturalist Class, joined the Indiana Master Naturalist State Council, become the Chair of the Johnson County Native Plant Partnership, and established the Little Native Seed Library Trail in Johnson County. When I'm not working, I am a connoisseur of terrible reality tv and everything IU Basketball!"



### **What's new around the neighborhood:**

We have a new wood chip trail on the main path between The Woodlands 'court' and 'circle,' in the hammock area, by the pond, and on the paths behind buildings 1,2 & 11. We hope to be able to put more wood chips around the



neighborhood in the future with a more regular schedule, and with our goal of repairing common areas.

Many Thanks to our hard-working Woodlands homeowners' volunteers for planting our free trees and shrubs this month! We appreciate you! These new plantings may look tiny now, but we hope with some TLC, water, and proper care, they will grow and flourish! James, our property manager is arranging for the newly planted whips to be watered on a regular basis. If homeowners who live near the new trees and shrubs can help water them as well, (due to the excessive heat, we are having this summer), that would be extremely helpful (especially over the next month or two).

### **Ways you can get involved in our community:**

1. Run for a board position.
2. Request to join the Buildings and Grounds Committee or volunteer for some of their upcoming projects.
3. Volunteer to participate in our Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale and/or our Spring Clean-Up Day (details forthcoming!)

### **Upcoming board meetings:**

1. Monthly Open Board Meetings July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
2. Special Called Meeting July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm



*Homeowners at the June Social after the Clean-Up Day!*

### **Neighborhood Reminders:**

**Water Intrusion:** Please always check your basement after a heavy rain. Basements sometimes leak, and an unwatched basement can lead to water build up and mold.

**Dehumidifiers:** Indiana summers are typically warm and humid. Professionals advise using a dehumidifier in your basement (especially in the back part of the basement where there are no windows). Using a dehumidifier during summer months helps to reduce humidity in your basement which in turn reduces moisture.

**Dryer vents:** Please remember to have your dryer vent cleaned once per year. Lint in the dryer vent tubing is a fire hazard when it builds up, so it's best to keep it lint free.

Check out our newly updated website where you'll find all our governing documents! Go to:  
<http://www.woodlandshoa.net/>

We hope everyone is having a great summer!

-Your WWBHOA board