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President's Message

Happy New Year to all our neighbors.

I am excited about the events in our neighborhood as we look to a new year of projects and improvements with renewed interest. We have a full board of seven members including three new members. Our new budget plan includes reserves for capital investments in our common areas – these reserves allow for a long-term view of maintaining our facilities to allow our neighborhood to be an attractive place to live and raise a family.

We plan to have more social events so that we can get to know each other better. Like last year, we will have a neighborhood work day in the Spring to remove unwanted vegetation and trash from the common areas. Gatherings for the beginning of summer (pool opening), Fall, and Christmas (Cookies with Santa) are being planned. Please join us for these events as they can build a healthy, safe, and fun community.

I want to thank our outgoing President, Karen Clevenger who served the board as President for many years. As we are a volunteer-run organization, her long-term dedication to the well-being of the neighborhood is much appreciated. We will still enjoy her advice and knowledge of her past involvement as she remains a board member in a self-proclaimed office of “historian”.

Dennis Dininger, President for 2024

Association Announcements

We have begun publishing the minutes of our board meetings at our website. You can find them here: <https://twinoaksindy3.wixsite.com/home/minutes-of-board-meetings>

Our dues for 2024 will remain at \$450 with no late fee if paid before March 31, 2024. A late fee of 8% (\$36) will be applied after that date.

Our board members for 2024 are

President: Dennis Dininger (elected 2022)
Secretary: Dawn Zumbrun (elected 2022)
Treasurer: Mike Zumbrun (elected 2022)
Member: Karen Clevenger (elected 2022)
Member: Mike Dininger (elected 2023)
Member: Patty Reeves (elected 2023)
Member: Monica Meadows (elected 2023)

Each board members serves a two-year term.

Snow Removal: we have a salting and snow removal contract with Brown's Landscaping again this year. When required, de-icing/salting will be applied to the entrances, curves, and intersections. Snow removal/plowing will be ordered for snow accumulations over 2" when the forecast maintains below freezing temperatures. Please remove all vehicles and trash cans from the street during snow events. If the contractor cannot get their equipment down the street or court, it will be skipped.

Status of Pool: The pool has served us well over the past 50 years but is now in need of major upgrades. At the October 2023 board meeting, it was determined that the cost of major upgrades is greater than the potential benefit to the neighborhood; therefore, the pool will be run until the next major equipment failure. At that point, the pool will be retired.; however, until that point, please enjoy the pool this summer. If you have a family member or friend that would like to be a lifeguard, contact Dawn Zumbrun to apply.

Neighbors that Do Things: We created a place on our website for "Neighbors that Do Things" (<https://twinoaksindy3.wixsite.com/home/neighbors-that-do-things>). This tab is intended to be a place for residents to highlight their services and give neighbors the opportunity to hire someone local. We will do our best to keep it current with listings for babysitting, home improvements, realty services, home health, etc.

Clubhouse rental: please contact Dawn Zumbrun (317) 291-5910 to rent the clubhouse. The clubhouse is a comfortable space for a gathering with family and friends. It can hold up to 60 persons. We have 7 tables and 30 chairs for use at the clubhouse. Residents pay \$100 for rental with a \$100 deposit for potential damages and clean-up which is a great benefit for neighbors. Outsiders pay a higher amount.

Citizens Water project: Citizens Water is planning to install an underground control valve and vault near the east entrance. Preliminary work was begun last year, and Citizens Water states that the project should be complete by early 2024. Twin Oaks Club granted an easement to Citizens Water for this new control valve and allowed a small parking area near the intersection of Live Oak Drive and Acacia Drive so that Citizens Water can access the valve for maintenance.

Drainage Improvement: The span of Dell Wood Brook that runs along Fox Fire Drive was recently cleared to provide improved drainage to the east section of the neighborhood. Water gathers in this brook and flows south toward and under I-74. The clearing will allow us to monitor the flow of the brook and keep it cleared more easily. Please help keep this area clean of overgrowth and trash to minimize storm water buildup in the streets and neighbor backyards.

Playground: The playground is popular with the little ones in the neighborhood. We will be replacing parts and pieces of the playset in disrepair. We also plan to replace the swing set with equipment that is designed for all ages. The ground surface is being evaluated for alternatives – we have used mulch in the past; however, weeds are constantly a problem and unsightly.

Pickleball: The concrete surfaces at the clubhouse are being evaluated for a potential pickleball court or courts. The tennis courts seem to be the most logical area; however, the courts have large cracks that need to be filled. The other concrete pads may be in better shape and currently are not being used for any purpose. If you are interested in this growing sport, please contact a board member to get involved in this exciting project.

Upcoming Events

We are working toward posting a calendar of events for 2024 on the website so that we all can have plenty of time to plan to attend these events and so that we can avoid conflicts with clubhouse rentals. We will also post events at our Facebook page.

A day is being planned for a Spring neighborhood cleanup/work day. Last year, we increased the canopy of trees and bushes so that the common areas can be mowed properly and picked up trash. This year, we again plan to get a dumpster from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful for overgrowth of bushes and trees, trash, and offer the remaining space to neighbors for their own lawn cleanup efforts. If the need is great, we will consider renting another dumpster for neighbors' lawn efforts. Please contact a board member with your interest in this project.

Committee Updates

Social Committee: We are looking for a resident to chair this committee. This committee will be responsible for the calendar of events, event content for the website, and club event postings for the Facebook page. The board members are excited about having more opportunities to meet our neighbors and create more community.

Communications Committee: We are looking for a resident to chair this committee. This committee will be responsible for this newsletter and managing the website, Facebook, and any other postings (entrance postings and paper announcements) to neighbors.

Maintenance Tips & Reminders

- Keep junk and trash concealed in closed containers
 - Prune and maintain trees and shrubs to minimize overgrowth
 - Hazardous waste drop-off sites: <https://www.indy.gov/activity/hazardous-waste-dropoff-sites>; the nearest is the first Saturday of each month at Traders Point Collection Facility, 7550 N. Lafayette Road from 9am to 2pm.
 - Call 811 before you dig
 - Contact the Mayors' Action Center for abandoned car(s), road repairs (pothole, etc.) junk removal, mowing of overgrown lawns, etc.
 - Hotline: (317) 327-4622
 - Website: <https://www.indy.gov/agency/mayors-action-center>
 - Call 311 to Report Non-Emergencies to the Police
 - Reports of stolen property
 - Identity theft
 - Noise violations
 - No parking in front of Fire Hydrants.
 - No parking across from another car, thereby blocking the street. The streets are narrow, and this makes it hard for other cars to get through.
 - No double parking on cul-de-sacs.
 - Loud Music (cars and home audio) is not allowed and should be kept at less than 55 decibels by 10 pm.
 - Non-emergency Police/Fire can be called: 317-327-3811 to report nuisances
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Contact Information

Website: <https://twinoaksindy3.wixsite.com/home>.

Email: twinoaksindy@gmail.com

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/twinoaksneighborhoodindy>

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