

# **WOODED SHORES PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

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## **MARCH, 2018 REPORT TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

**Just a reminder, if the subdivision annual dues invoice is included with this message, it is because, according to our records they have not yet been paid. Please be sure to add the \$25.00 late fee.**

### **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the WSPIA was conducted on Sunday, March 4, 2018. The meeting was held in the MPOA office and was convened at 1:00 PM. A quorum was established with the property owners in good standing who were present. Items covered during the meeting included approval of the 2018 Annual Budget, setting the dues for 2019, a Wooded Shores Beach report, the MPOA report, a report on the activities of the Nippersink Watershed Association and the election of 2018 subdivision officers.

**The 2018 Budget distributed with the Annual Meeting Notice was approved as presented..**

### **Subdivision Dues**

Current Wooded Shores subdivision annual dues is \$75.00 per improved lot plus the \$25 MPOA dues and \$50.00 per unimproved lot plus the \$25 MPOA dues. Following discussion the 2019 annual dues remains the same by unanimous vote of the members present. If the Annual Dues remains unpaid on March 16 of each year a \$25.00 late fee is assessed.

### **2018 Beach Report-Steve & Diane Bittner, Beach Commissioners**

- Steve & Diane can be reached at 847-525-2072 between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM
- Beach clean up and courtesy pier placement is scheduled for 10:00 AM on May 12 with a May 19 rain date.
- **A picnic will follow the clean up. Bring a dish to pass if you plan to participate.**

### **Pier & Boat Ramp Key Registration (see attached form)**

### **MPOA Report**

Subdivision Director and MPOA President Dick Hilton provided an update on the dredging project that will hopefully (weather permitting) be completed by the end of the 2018 construction season. A \$500,000.00 donation designated for funding additional dredging of our Lake has been received by the Nippersink Watershed Association. These funds will be turned over to the Village of Wonder Lake on an as need basis as plans are finalized. The MPOA Lake Manager, dredging contractor and MPOA consultant are putting together the dredging location schedule. Additional details can be found on the MPOA website: [www.wlmpoa.org](http://www.wlmpoa.org) **It is important that all boaters operate their watercraft at least 100 feet away from the dredge pipeline and the dredging barge.**

### **Nippersink Watershed Association (NWA) Report [www.nippersink.org](http://www.nippersink.org)**

Plans call for removal of the invasive, non native species and over time, re establish native plantings on the Merchant Creek waterway located between our subdivision and the Shore Hills subdivision. 2018 work-days will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month/weather permitting. An approximate \$100,000.00 Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant has been received from the U.S. & IL EPA to address water quality improvements of water entering Wonder Lake.

### **Wooded Shores 2018 Board of Directors**

**Officers:** President: **Quentin Lindsey**, Vice President: **Bruce Hanson**, Secretary/Treasurer: **Dick Hilton**, (815) 653-3912

**Directors:** Steve Bitter, Bruce Hanson, Quentin Lindsey, Jim Denna, Brian Sterl, Forrest Thomson, Anita Johnson, Alternate Director: Marissa Denna

**Beach Commissioners:** Steve & Diane Bittner,

**MPOA Representatives:** Director, **Dick Hilton**, Delegate, **Brian Sterl**

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At the end of our Annual Membership meeting we again held a free raffle. The holder of the winning tickets were: \$15.00 BIG R GIFT CERTIFICATE-QUENTIN LINDSEY; \$25.00 BIG R GIFT CERTIFICATE-BRIAN STERL

\$25.00 APPLEBEES GIFT CERTIFICATE-NANCY HILTON;  
\$35.00 OLIVE GARDEN GIFT CERTIFICATE- JOHN KLINE

**IF YOU BRING YOUR PETS DOWN TO THE LAKERONT PLEASE KEEP THEM OUT OF THE SWIMMING BEACH AREA.**

**SPECIAL REPORT TO PROPERTY OWNERS/MEMBERS OF THE WSPIA**

It has come to the attention of the WSPIA Board of Directors that either Mr. Thomas P. Mathews or his agent distributed 17 pages of documents to the membership the Saturday before the Annual meeting that was held on Sunday, March 4, 2018. Most if not all of the information contained therein was false and misleading.

In his cover letter Mr. Mathews claims that he has spent over \$200,000.00 litigating questionable permit applications, etcetera (para. 3 of his letter). **Mr. Mathews failed to advise that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Court of McHenry County ruled in favor of your subdivision and the MPOA.**

**Whatever amount Mr. Mathews actually spent on legal fees relative to his lawsuits against the subdivision and the MPOA, he was required by the courts to reimburse the Wooded Shores Property Improvement Association more than \$22,000 in fees incurred in defending its actions. Additionally, Mr. Mathews was ordered to reimburse the MPOA more than \$99,000.00 in fees incurred in defending its actions. The decision requiring the reimbursement to the MPOA was upheld by the Appellate Court following their review of his appeal.**

**In an effort to provide the Wooded Shores Subdivision property owners/members with all of the facts pertaining to Mr. Mathews “allegations”, attached is a copy of the complete *Judgement And Order* signed by Judge Michael T. Caldwell of the Circuit Court of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, McHenry County-Woodstock, Illinois on August 30, 2010.**

**The complete 21 page Appellate Court findings are available in the WSPIA files. Contact the Secretary / Treasurer if you would like a copy for your records. We will also try to have it posted on the WSPIA website.**

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**If you plan to work on the beach and lakefront clean up scheduled for May 12 please dress accordingly and include work gloves.. Wheel barrows (a new load of sand needs to be spread on the beach area), shovels, loppers, rakes hoes and hand clippers are always in order.**

**A picnic will follow the cleanup and the subdivision will supply the hot dogs, buns, chips and drinks.**