



## KEEP THE TRADITION ALIVE!

Well, the Annual Twin Lakes Spring garage sale Fireworks fundraiser was a success. We earned \$635.50 to go towards our annual celebration. Thanks to everyone who came down to the food truck to show your support. Those who came when we were sold out, please make sure to come earlier next year. We try to get just enough food so we don't have a bunch left over, wasting funds and food.

I would like to extend a big thanks to all who helped out: Dina Mytar, Jim Shures, April Poole, Mike Buscher and Angela, Brian & Caleb Woodson. All of this helps support our neighborhood tradition, the Annual Twin Lakes Fireworks Celebration!!

When my family moved into Twin Lakes ten years ago, this is what made us fall in love with the community. We came from a subdivision where you were lucky to get a wave hello from someone driving down the road. When we came to Twin Lakes, we were taken aback by how our neighbors were quick to say hello and offer their help with anything, even if it was a cup of sugar or an egg. It was like a step back in time

where neighbors cared for each other like family! This is a Tradition that we must KEEP ALIVE!!

The Twin Lakes Annual Fireworks Celebration is another thing we must **KEEP ALIVE!** I understand everyone is busy with their day to day lives, but the Fireworks Celebration gives everyone a chance to turn that off and have fun, celebrate, have a good time, meet your neighbors and take that step back in time where neighbors took care of neighbors...when we all knew each other and looked after one another.

OK...now that my heart has been laid out...The Fireworks tradition still costs a lot of money to keep it going, so we can use all the support of all residents. The food truck income supplies less than 1/4 of what we need to **Keep This Tradition Alive.** Please keep those donations coming as they are greatly appreciated. Anyone wanting to volunteer for this or any other Fireworks fundraising effort, please let me know. Thanks!! See you at the Fireworks display... come say hi!!

*Mike Meyer, Twin Lakes Fireworks Committee*

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## Letter from President

Summer has begun and it's a hot one. Hot summer nights by Van Hagar comes to mind. This is my 55th summer and it seems like the hottest. Our association has had a spectacular summer though.

First, in June we had our annual meeting. Some of our board members terms had expired, including mine. We had 7 nominations for 5 board positions. Since I have been on the board, it is the first time the election meant something. After the meeting, the new board nominated and elected Diane Bobek and April Poole to 2 yr. commitments as Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. I was nominated and re-elected as President. Two new members hopped on board, Lashonda Fitch and Jake Patterson which will bring their strengths and versatility we need to operate. At this time, I would like to thank Dave Mytar for dedicating himself to the board for the last 3 years. Thanks Dave.

Our big discussion at Annual meeting was about the SMTD bus system passing through our Twin Lakes community. Frank Squires represented SMTD at our meeting, fielding all kinds of questions and comments from our members. The members' main concerns with the bus traveling through the area were current conditions of the roads, safety and noise. Our board took a poll on what the area preferred about the bus system traveling through Twin Lakes. 98% of the polled neighbors were against buses traveling through area. One of our members voted for the Bus route stating his daughter which is partially challenged could use the convenience and transportation the bus

service would have given. Touched my heart a little but the majority did not want service. My deciding concern with bus was it going to travel 23 times a day through our area. The board and some members attended the last SMTD board meeting where we presented the results of our poll. SMTD has decided to reroute the buses on Mayden & Piper.

On June 16th we had our first work day in several years. Over 20 members attended to help with our common grounds. We painted benches, playgrounds and 1 bridge, scrubbed the shelters, weeded and picked up around the Lake area. Thank you members! What a terrific job you did! This helps keep maintenance expense in check. Look for another work day to be held soon!

I would like to thank all members of Twin Lakes that pay their dues in a timely manner. Our dues are \$254 a year which includes garbage. SJR stated in a July 4th news article that the city waste systems are charging \$15 a can and \$18 for 2 cans per month. Just multiply \$15 by 12 and that is \$180 a year, you would be paying for just 1 can and most of us have 2. My point is please pay when the bill comes in the mail. We have 30 acres of common ground we are responsible for as a community. Mowing, cutting down trees and taking care of the Lakes and flower beds are MONTHLY bills, along with our trash pickup. Plus there are other projects like replacing playgrounds and our dam repair that we must complete soon! By paying on time, it reduces our offices expenses!

Thanks again

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## FIREWORKS DONATIONS

The following have donated to the fireworks fund since July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018:

Carl/Mary Affrunti - \$45.60; Taysha Barnes - \$2.80; Bill Baxter - \$6.40; Charles/Constance Bedolli - \$85; Robert/Linda Bentley - \$50; Diane Bobek - \$45.60; Mike/Carol Boone - \$25; Mark Burgess - \$100; Jeremy/Jennifer Burkhart - \$45.60; Shirley Buscher - \$25; Gary Butchek - \$20.60; Derek/Mary Cochran - \$50; Francis Coffin - \$40; Lori Cushman - \$22.80; Dale Davis/Caitlin Torrence - \$5; Ron/Sherri Deters - \$30; Kenna Diaz - \$50; Sean/Amanda Dickerson - \$35.60; Rickey Douglas - \$30.60; Anonymous - \$50; Mike/Joanie Gaffney - \$2; Robert Gobel - \$20; Karen Gontarek - \$10; Becky Greener - \$3.65; Debby Guimard - \$50; Charles/Marsha Gunn - \$35.60; Carolyn Hargrove - \$52.80; James Henton - \$50; Judy Jiannoni - \$2.80; Jim Kuizin - \$20.60; Tom/Susan Kuizin - \$35.60; Peter/Cynthia Larsen - \$25; Sue Law - \$50; Jong Han Lee - \$72.80; Robert/Alexandria Liberman - \$47.80; Anonymous - \$22.80; Adam Lopez - \$25.60; Georgia Marcum - \$10; Richard Marcum - \$72.80; Robert/Noelle Marcum - \$60; Dolores Martinez - \$50; Dan/Lori McGowan - \$45; John/Kim Meneghetti - \$45.60; Gloria Middleton - \$75; Leland/Debbie Mosley - \$1.80; Deb Nance - \$7.80; Theresa Nash - \$20; Rusa Naylor - \$20; Charles/Linda Nicholson - \$72.80; George/MaryJo Paoni - \$47.80; Chuck/Richelle Partridge - \$20; Giovanna Pensabene - \$39.80; Don/Sheryl Poggi - \$25.60; Kristin Pokorski - \$45.60; April Poole - \$50; Mike/Theresa Poole - \$50; Bonnie Pratt - \$5; Brendt/Melissa Ramsey - \$25.60; Rick/Cathy Ricca - \$100; Becky Riggs - \$12.80; Nila Riggs - \$20; Crystal/Jessica Riney - \$10; Joshua Risse - \$119; Gale/Camella Sandberg - \$50; Marlene Scales - \$10.60; David/Cynthia Schleyhahn - \$65.60; Bob Schuster - \$25; James/Janet Shures - \$172.80; Ronald/Arnetta Singleton - \$45.60; Duane/Patricia Slater - \$100; Greg Smith - 25; Ron/Lori Smith - \$10; Sally Smith - \$45.60; Jack/Ann Stege - \$20; Louise Stuenkel - \$25; John/Therese Thomas - \$20; Kerri Thornton - \$40; Linda Tice - \$52.80; Renada Voges - \$25; Thomas/Linda Vono - \$50; Cindy Walton - \$25; Elias/Regina Walton - \$45.60; Christine Waters - \$22.80; Ray/Lori Waters - \$2.80; Tom/Katie Weir - \$25; Candance Wendt/Sandra Long - \$120; Sam Wheeler - \$100; Evelyn White - \$96.50; Dennis Willis - \$45.60; Regina Wilson - \$50; Don/Tamala Wolters - \$50; Diana Zara - \$25; Margaret Zinn - \$20

Thank you very much! **ALL** donations are greatly appreciated! Every penny counts! Contact Sue Law or Mike Meyer to learn how you can lend a hand!



## 2019 FIREWORKS FUND

To contribute towards the fireworks display for the 2019 July Celebration, please complete this form and mail with your donation to:

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## Letter from Sec/Treasurer

The board has decided not to increase the annual dues and trash fees for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Please be aware we have several large upcoming projects, along with playground updates and regular maintenance. The dues and trash fees will raise in 2019-2020.

As a reminder, when returning your dues/fees payment, please either return the top portion of the statement or write your account number on the check's memo line. This helps me to process your payments faster.

Since the trend to remove the landline has begun, most of our records have become outdated. We would like homeowners to submit their phone numbers and email addresses. We would ONLY use these phone numbers and email addresses to contact the homeowners when there is a problem with their property or account. We would NEVER give out this information. Please submit this information by either emailing me at [tlhaapril.poole@comcast.net](mailto:tlhaapril.poole@comcast.net) or by mailing it to: TLHA, P.O. Box 8133, Springfield, IL 62791-8133.

This newsletter is late due to my work schedule and work assignments out of town. I will get the next newsletter out on time as my work schedule and assignments should slow as the year progresses. Additionally, if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please notify me by email. If you choose to received the newsletter electronically, you will receive it from Sue Law.

Below are the accounts who have not paid

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## Fireworks Celebration

Another great fireworks show was presented by Carl Schumacher and his staff at Nostalgia Pyrotechnics. Additionally, music was presented by Ron Dunham who kept us all dancing in the street! Thanks much for all you do to assist us with the celebration!

Additionally, thank you to the three police officers who provided security before, during and after the fireworks. Many thanks to Don Rummans, Jenny Oglesby, and Michael Mack!

The Fireworks Committee sold water and novelties before and during the fireworks. The novelty proceeds totaled \$114. Additionally, 50/50 tickets were sold. The 50/50 ticket sales totaled \$1,336. The winning ticket was pulled by a young lady. The winner was Paula Harris. Ms. Harris promptly gave \$20 to the young lady for pulling the ticket. Ms. Harris then donated nearly all of the money back to the Fireworks Fund! A total of \$1,382 was put into the Fireworks Fund!

Thanks to all who bought glow sticks, water and 50/50 tickets.

*Twin Lakes Fireworks Committee*

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their dues/fees at the end of the billing cycle:

<b>Marcia Boles (estate)</b>	<b>Nellie Britz (estate)</b>
<b>Walter Burnett, Jr.</b>	<b>Eric Creviston</b>
<b>James Davis, Jr.</b>	<b>Alyssa Daykin</b>
<b>Kevin/Katie Fry</b>	<b>Kathy/Robert Gue</b>
<b>Chris/Melissa Hampson</b>	<b>Clarence Hoyle</b>
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## Trash Pickup Service Reminders

TLHA has a corporate account which covers the trash pickup for the ENTIRE subdivision. Here are several important reminders:

- Missed trash can pickup, please call 217-544-9602, provide your address, and the board will get it picked up ASAP.
- Broken trash can, please call 217-544-9602, provide your address and the board will get a replacement trash can to you ASAP. If you call Republic for replacement, they will charge the association \$20 delivery fee. This fee will get passed on to you.
- When holiday trash pickup is delayed until Saturday, Republic will come through Twin Lakes on Friday afternoon to pick up as much trash as possible to reduce their work on Saturday and before the landfill closes at noon. But they will go through Twin Lakes again very early on Saturday morning. If you wait until Saturday, you will need to

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### 2018 FISH FRY SCHEDULE

**September 14, 2018**

**September 28, 2018**

**October 12, 2018**

**October 26, 2018**

**November 9, 2018**

*More Dates in 2019*

### SUGGESTIONS



Twin Lakes News welcomes your suggestions about topics you would like to see in our newsletter. Subject matter ideas may be sent to TLHA, PO Box 8133, Springfield, IL 62791-8133 or email to [tlaapril.poole@comcast.net](mailto:tlaapril.poole@comcast.net). Unsigned or anonymous letters will not be read and will be disposed of immediately.

### 2018-2019 TLHA BOARD MEMBERS EMAIL ADDRESSES

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## Fishing the Lakes ...

I have betrayed us. I went fishing at a pond in Irisdale. The good news though is the bluegill are still spawning. Easy pickings for anyone who can stand the bright sunny day and 95 degree temperatures.

I did however to down to the Lakes on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for a few hours. Tossed out a few night crawlers in a very special place that most of us would consider a scourge. I caught 3 Channel Cat in the 1 ½ to 2 lb. range. It looks as though the catfish we put in last year are doing well and growing rapidly.

It's almost time to start fishing for carp. There are some really large carp in Twin Lakes. So find yourself an alfalfa and honey recipe for carp bait, buy a box of Wheaties and mix a little garlic salt and water with it or even a can of whole kernel corn, you can have some real fun catching carp.

The carp spawn in the South Lakes on the south side of the bridge. There is shallow water there and you can see them all swimming around there. It's beautiful.

As usual, take a kid fishing!  
**Steve Koskey**



## Recycling Dates

Here are the remaining recycling pickup dates for 2018 and Jan./Feb. 2019:

### 2018 Dates

Aug. 10, 24  
 Sept. 7 (possible holiday delay 1 day), 21  
 Oct. 5, 19  
 Nov. 2, 16, 30  
 Dec. 14, 28 (possible holiday delay 1 day)

### 2019 Dates

Jan. 11, 25  
 Feb. 8, 22

Please recycle as much as possible!



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make sure your trash is out to the curb by 6:00am.

- All trash needs to be bagged and within the trash can. If you place additional bags and boxes alongside your trash can and it gets picked up, Republic may charge an additional pickup fee. This charge will be passed along to your account.
- Yard waste bags must be tagged for pickup except during the city's free pickup time. Tags may be purchased at Big R, Lowes, or Ace. Tags are \$2 or you can take it to Evans Recycling for \$1 per waste bag.

## SELLING YOUR HOME?

Twin Lakes has an ongoing problem with members failing to notify the Board when homes are sold. Please contact a TLHA Board Member when you have sold your home to let them know of the new owners so the billing records can be changed. Send information and/or corrections to TLHA, P.O. Box 8133, Springfield, IL 62791-8133.



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44th ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.**

**BUDGET STATUS FOR PERIOD  
JUNE 1, 2017 – MAY 31, 2018**

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Improvements/ Maintenance	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,842.02	157.98
Insurance	3,800.00	3,560.00	240.00
Recreation	4,500.00	775.50	3,724.50
Refuse	48,000.00	47,749.72	250.28
Office Expense	8,111.00	6,430.83	1,680.17
Professional	4,300.00	819.20	3,480.80
Utilities	1,900.00	1,787.91	112.09
Mowing	14,000.00	10,760.00	3,240.00
Fireworks	0.00	7,234.74	(7,234.74)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 95,611.00</b>	<b>\$ 89,959.92</b>	<b>\$ 5,651.08</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 95,611.00</b>	<b>\$ 102,376.85</b>	<b>\$ 6,765.35</b>

<b>TWIN LAKES HOME ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 6/1/17 - 5/31/18</b>		
<b><u>BALANCE:</u></b>	06/01/17	\$ 28,145.32
<b><u>DEPOSITS:</u></b>		<u>\$102,376.85</u>
		<b>\$ 130,522.17</b>
<b><u>PAID:</u></b>		
Improvements/ Maintenance	\$ 10,842.02	
Insurance	3,560.00	
Recreation	775.50	
Refuse	47,749.72	
Office Expense/ Supplies	6,430.83	
Professional	819.20	
Utilities	1,787.91	
Mowing	10,760.00	
Fireworks	<u>7,234.74</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$89,959.92	<b>- 89,959.92</b>
<b>PRESENT CHECKING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 40,562.25</b>
<b>TOTAL FIREWORKS FUNDS COLLECTED TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ 7,163.30</b>	
<b>TOTAL PLAYGROUNDS FUNDS COLLECTED TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ 1,840.50</b>	

<b>TWIN LAKES HOME ASSOCIATION APPROVED BUDGET FOR PERIOD JUNE 1, 2018 – MAY 31, 2019</b>	
	<b><u>BUDGET AMOUNT</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 11,000.00
Insurance	3,600.00
Recreation	4,500.00
Refuse	48,350.00
Office Expense/Supplies	8,061.00
Professional	4,300.00
Utilities	1,800.00
Mowing	<u>14,000.00</u>
	<b>\$ 95,611.00</b>
<b>PROJECTED INCOME: AS OF MAY 31, 2016:</b>	
DUES: 378 @ \$116.40 =	\$ 43,999.20
REFUSE: 374 @ \$138.00 =	<u>\$ 51,612.00</u>
<b>PROJECTED INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 95,611.20</b>
<b>FOR 2018-2019:</b>	<b>\$ 95,611.00 (rounded actual)</b>

TO: TLHA Members  
FROM: April S. Poole, Secretary/Treasurer  
DATE: July 1, 2018  
RE: 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes held June 6

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President John Thomas. John introduced each board member: Diane Bobek, Vice-President; April Poole, Secretary/Treasurer; members Steve Koskey, Ray Waters, David and Dina Mytar. Mike Meyer absent due work schedule. Member Deb Santini thanked the board members for the work performed on the resident's behalf.

President Thomas introduced Bonnie Drew, from Mayor Jim Langfelder's office, who thanked us for the opportunity to meet with us. Ms. Drew complimented Twin Lakes on having a beautiful neighborhood and an active board. Ms. Drew encouraged active participation from all members in activities and management of Twin Lakes and City of Springfield.

Pres. Thomas introduced Officer Chris Jones who was filling in for our Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) Matt Doss. Officer Jones announced due to Doss's upcoming promotion a new NPO would be assigned to our area. Jones stated in the last year there had been 32 calls for service. Most were burglaries and break-ins to unsecured cars. Jones announced a recent man's arrest will prevent future home break-ins. Jones stressed locking cars, not keeping spare keys or key fob in the vehicle, and keeping the garage door shut. If you see a neighbor's garage door up, please call them to remind them to close it. With the new NPO being assigned, the NPO's phone # will remain the same - (217) 741-0979.

Pres. Thomas introduced Ward 4 Alderman John Fulgenzi. Alderman Fulgenzi stated he is available to assist with problems. Alderman Fulgenzi asked residents to call or stop by his restaurant to discuss problems. Fulgenzi stated he had worked with the Public Works Dept. about having parking along one side of Shad-owfax. The board informed Alderman Fulgenzi the neighbors want to be left alone and we will ensure the parking will allow emergency, utility and trash vehicles to travel the street.

Pres. Thomas introduced Public Works Director Mark Mahoney. Dir. Mahoney discussed the upcoming roadwork which will affect Twin Lakes' residents. The projects are: asphalt overlays on all of our asphalt streets; oil and chip overlay on Mayden; concrete culvert repair work on Twin Lakes Drive at the lakes; and branch pick up the week of our fireworks.

Dir. Mahoney highlighted several city programs. The hazardous waste program has been

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successful as a voucher program, reducing the long lines of traffic waiting to drop off their hazardous waste. Mahoney is hoping to have another one in the fall but another one will be held in the Spring 2019. Electronics can be dropped off at BLH Computers on Stevenson Drive. Up to 3 addresses are permitted. Please check the city's website for additional details. Yard waste and leaf bag pickups are now the responsibility of the hauler. Dir. Mahoney stated Republic Services is still to pick up yard waste bags during the free period if we have corporate contract. Mahoney reminded residents leaf bags can be taken to Evan's Recycling for \$1 per bag. A fall free pickup will occur in November.

Pres. Thomas asked Dir. Mahoney about old railroad bed being turned into a bike path, referring to the proposed bike lane plan by Greg Stumpf. Pres. Thomas stated paving the railroad bed from Mayden Rd. to Menards would allow Twin Lakes' residents to get to several Dirksen businesses without having to go onto Dirksen. Sec/Treasurer April Poole stated several residents whose properties back up to the railroad bed are complaining of the overgrowth and want this area cleaned up, preventing the homeless from staying there and creating brushfires as in past years. Pres. Thomas also reported Shaner's has not completed securing their property and believe it's a dangerous area where our kids could wander and get hurt. Dir. Mahoney can't promise a bike path but will look into it but will definitely get the area cleaned up. Shaner's will be contacted about securing their property.

Pres. Thomas informed members City Treasurer Misty Buscher sent her regards as

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED! HELP WANTED!!**

Additional help needed for fundraising projects and/or fireworks! Come be a part of this extraordinary event! Share your ideas with us by calling Mike Meyer (522-6398), or emailing TLHA.Fireworks@comcast.net!

Mike Meyer  
2018 Fireworks Committee

she was unavailable due to a scheduled family event. Also City Clerk and former Ward 4 alderman Frank Edwards was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Pres. Thomas introduced Frank Squires, Managing Director of Sangamon Mass Transit. Dir. Squires became aware of the neighborhood's concerns over the bus route coming through Twin Lakes. Dir. Squires introduced Sandra Douglas, Twin Lakes resident and SMTD trustee. Dir. Squires stated bus routes hadn't been redesigned since 1968 and would be incorporating routes to the new transit center which will be at from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Streets and Adams to Washington. With the new transit center, there will not be any more on street transfers.

Dir. Squires stated the proposed route would run North to South through Twin Lakes, starting at Mayden Road onto Twin Lakes Dr., turning right onto Biscayne, turning right onto Twin Lakes Dr., and exiting Twin Lakes by turning left on to Piper Road. When asked about ridership numbers and number of stops, Dir. Squires was unsure of ridership and stated the number of stops hadn't been determined yet. Dir. Squires stated he had driven the route through Twin Lakes in 4.5 minutes and the newly proposed Mayden/Piper route around Twin Lakes in 2.5 minutes. A bus stops for approx. 30 to 45 seconds, depending upon riders getting on or off. Dir. Squires stated a bus would travel every 30 minutes, from 6:15am to approx. 6:15pm.

Member Deb Santini asked if a needs study had been completed which Squires admitted

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one hadn't been completed. Member Jake Paterson is concerned about the additional repair costs the city and even the subdivision would incur due to damage caused to Twin Lakes' roads and lakes. Dir. Squires and Dir. Mahoney believe the roads will be able to handle the additional bus traffic but that some work would have to be done at the lakes.

Member Lyn Kelly asked if the bus route was set in stone. Member Margaret Parks stated a public meeting was held in February without notification which Dir. Squires stated notification was done through the local newspaper and met federal requirements. Member Nila Riggs wanted to know if public opinion mattered in the decision. Dir. Squires stated yes, your opinion matters and suggested sending letters, petitions and coming to the next SMTD board meeting, scheduled for Monday, June 24, 4:30pm, located at SMTD headquarters, 928 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Member Leland Mosely and SMTD bus driver, who probably would be the driver for this route, believes it would be good for the neighborhood. Member Lashonda Fitch feels it is a valuable service but feels it would be serve the subdivision by going around it on Mayden and Piper Rds. Member Dan McGowan is concerned about the number of kids playing in/near the streets and the lack of sidewalks along the streets the bus would travel. Dir. Squires stated there hadn't been a bus accident.

Member Riggs asked if anyone had requested the bus service while Member Cathy Ricca asked if SMTD had any true data about ridership. Dir. Squires stated a few had requested but no true data analysis had been complet-

ed. Dir. Squires did confirm that every bus would be handicap accessible and would carry kids to school. Member Riggs reminded others that the Access Bus does door-to-door pickup for a nominal fee. Member Dianne Grey asked if no ridership, how long before the route would be discontinued due to low ridership and if the bus service would be suspended during our garage sales and fireworks events. Dir. Squires stated smart technology is used to determine ridership and when and where riders get on and off the bus.

Sec/Treasurer Poole stated the board believes this service is valuable to residents but feels the service should run on Mayden and Piper Rds. due to road width and condition, potential road damage at the lakes, lack of sidewalks and children playing in/near the streets. The TLHA board recommends to SMTD the bus run on Mayden and Piper Roads with stops at our entrances. Dir. Squires suggested TLHA board get a petition throughout the neighborhood and provide it to SMTD. Trustee Douglas stated she was appalled about the newsletter article concerning ridership and also stated if majority of residents didn't want the bus service, she would vote against it.

Pres. Thomas wanted to get a vote of the membership present concerning the bus service. 32 people oppose the bus service going through Twin Lakes while 37 approve the bus service going around Twin Lakes on Mayden and Piper Roads. 3 people voted for the service within Twin Lakes. Pres. Thomas directed Sec/Treas. Poole to create a petition and announced board members will ask members to voice their opinion on the bus service via the petition.



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Board members will present the petitions at the SMTD monthly meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sec/Treas. Poole presented the annual treasurer's report and the expenditure and deposit detail reports that were out on the tables. Member Paula Harris asked if the insurance had recently been shopped. Sec/Treas. Poole said it had not in the last 5 yrs. but could be done before the insurance is due in November. Member Ricca asked if we are getting enough donations for fireworks and if enough money had been raised for the parachute team. Sec/Treas. Poole explained the fireworks fund had enough money for the show but not for the parachute team which costs \$1000.

Member Kathy Barker asked since there are two garage sales per year if the food truck proceeds from one of them could be used to fundraise for the playground fund. Sec/Treas. Poole stated the food truck is ran by the Fireworks Committee and thus the proceeds should go to the Fireworks Fund. Sec/Treas. Poole encouraged a Playground fundraising committee be formed to do further fundraising for the playgrounds. Unidentified member asked if Menards had been asked to donate to the playgrounds with naming rights. Pres. Thomas stated Menards has been very negative when working with them on other issues.

Sec/Treas. Poole presented the budget for the 2018-2019 year. Poole explained the reason for the increases and decreases in the line items in the proposed budget.

Sec/Treas. Poole gave the Fireworks Committee report as the co-chairs were unavailable. The Firework celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 30, at 9:15. Twin Lakes Dr. will be

closed promptly at 5pm. The DJ will start playing music at 7:00pm. Everything is ready.

Sec/Treas. Poole announced the 2017-2018 board accomplishments while Pres. Thomas announced the proposed projects for the 2018-2019 year. Pres. Thomas described the 4 options the board is considering for Lot 1 which include: a community garden; storage units; senior citizen housing; or a community center. The trees were cut down to reduce the # of skunks and other animals living in the overgrown area.

Pres. Thomas asked for suggestions for additional projects and asked for volunteers to assist with those projects. Member Ricca notified the board a dead tree on common property needed to be cut down. Member Jeremy Viele asked for a trash can to be put at the lakes to hopefully reduce trash in and around the lakes. Additionally, members asked for additional signs concerning the amount of fish that could be taken from the lakes. The board will review all items.

Pres. Thomas asked for additional people to sign up to stand for board election. 7 people wrote their names on the board. John Thomas, Diane Bobek, April Poole (2 yr. term), Lashonda Fitch, Jake Patterson, Debra Mosley, and Debby Guimard. Nominations were closed.

Sec/Treas. Poole recognized and thanked the spouses and families of the board members who put up with board members sometime putting the needs of the association before their own. Pres. Thomas recognized Dave Mytar for his numerous years of service on the board.

Member Fitch moved for adjournment. Member Ricca seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



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## Maintenance Report

The board has been working hard keeping the common grounds looking great. Trees and more trees have needed our attention. We've had some wind damage which required us to contract with our sponsor, Leka Tree Service, to get it cleaned up. Additionally, Leka's was contracted to clean up part of Lot 1, removing the eyesore and the vermin who were living in the trees and shrubs.

The board held a Spring Clean Up Day on June 16. We had approximately 20 members show up to paint the pedestrian bridges, playgrounds and South Shelter; cut low branches of trees along Mayden Road; sprayed weeds along Mayden Road fence, the beaches and lake shoreline. Possibly the best project completed was the installation of a flag pole and American flag at our back entrance. Thank you to all who participated: Lori and Ray Waters, John Thomas, Dina Mytar, Mike Meyer, Jay Rees, Nila Riggs, Jake Patterson and his dad, Jim, La-shonda Fitch and her brother Courtney, Lori McGowan, Kathy Cripe, Steve Koskey, and others whose names weren't provided.

Our upcoming projects include replacing the sidewalk to the lake off of Tahoe, removal of a

## New Neighborhood Police Officer

Officer Jeff Tavernor has been named our new Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) after our former NPO Matt Doss was promoted to Sargent. Many thanks Sgt. Doss for your service to our neighborhood and board.

Off. Tavernor, a 23 yr. veteran of our city's police force, became our NPO on June 18. Off. Tavernor is married with 3 grown kids, with 2 of his daughters serving in our military. Tavernor is a fellow Northender, having grown up in Northgate.

Officer Tavernor has primarily worked the Northend, including working midnights in this area. Tavernor believes his biggest strengths includes knowing the area very well and knowing the pattern and type of crimes of our area. Off. Tavernor believes his weakness is using technology but is learning from others on the force.

Off. Tavernor stated Twin Lakes has the second lowest call rate in his quadrant, behind only Irisdale. But he wants everyone in Twin Lakes to be vigilant in securing their homes, garages and vehicles. Additionally, he wants Twin Lakes residents to be observant and to say something if something doesn't look right.

Officer Tavernor can be reached at 217-741-0979.

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large unhealthy tree by the north beach, and possibly more tree work along the west side of the lakes and along Twin Lakes and Mayden Rd.

Please look for our social media pages and signs as the board will be announcing another cleanup day.

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Dave/Kathy Barker - \$115; Rene' Blank - \$60; Tom/Shannon Brady - \$50; Catherine Cripe - \$20; Suzanne Goad - \$75; Karen Gontarek - \$10; Peter/Cynthia Larsen - \$20; Rod Madden - \$100; Mark/Christine Martinie - \$85; Chuck/Richelle Partridge - \$10; April Poole - \$25; Rick/Cathy Ricca - \$50; Nila Riggs - \$20; Deborah Santini - \$50; Duane/Patricia Slater - \$100; Ron/Lori Smith - \$10; Jack/Ann Stege - \$100; John/Therese Thomas - \$230; Linda Tice - \$70; Tom/Linda Vono - \$25; Evelyn White - \$346.50; Dennis Willis - \$100; Regina Wilson - \$50; Greg/Abbie Winhold - \$50

Every and any amount will help us move forward to replacing our playgrounds!!

## Playground Update

Currently, the Playgrounds Fund has a balance of \$1,840.50. The board received another bid for a playground. This bid looks promising as the installation is included in the price.

The board will be responsible for clearing and prepping the area for the new playground set! We are hoping to have the new set in place by summer's end!

Be ready to assist clearing away the current playset, rock and installing the new set and ground cover! We will NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The board wants to have a fundraiser for the playgrounds and are looking for ideas and volunteers! We are thinking a benefit!

## 2018 PLAYGROUNDS FUND

To contribute towards the playground fund for new equipment, please complete this form and mail with your donation to:

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## New Board Member - Jake Patterson

Happy Summer everyone! I've been a "Northender" for the majority of my life, and am a graduate of Lanphier High School. I have lived in Twin Lakes for almost 3 years now.

What attracted me most to our subdivision were the attractive lakes we have, as well as seeing how everyone took so much pride in their property. Since living here I love seeing our small community come together, whether it be on the water, playing on the playgrounds, helping out a neighbor when in need, attending our annual volunteer/cleanup day, enjoying our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, or just simply waving at a neighbor as they pass. I enjoy anything that involves being on, in, or around water; I thoroughly enjoy fishing on our lakes and love seeing other residents and their families enjoying them as much as I do.

Now that I have decided to join the board, I am looking forward to helping out more and plan on hopefully starting a few more fundraisers to help raise funds for our future playground equipment. I am also looking forward to meeting more neighbors and hopefully getting to know many on a first name basis! If there is ever anything I can do to help, or any questions I can answer, please don't hesitate to call, text, or email me. Thanks and I hope everyone gets out and enjoys the rest of their summer.

*Jake Patterson*

### *Editor's Note:*

*Both of our new board members have current and past banking experience and will be able to assist with finances.*

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## New Board Member - Lashonda Fitch

This month marks our one year anniversary in Twin Lakes and we're happy to call this our home! My husband and I have enjoyed our home nested on the smaller circle of Erie. One of the selling points was the beautiful view of the South Lake.

I'm a nature channel girl and I've had the pleasure of watching the wild life in action. I never knew geese were so aggressive. After many days of fighting and annoying squawking, families were created. On mother's day, I saw 2 families out enjoying the comforts of the lake. Shortly after, I saw a newer smaller family. They are creatures of habit. Each day around the same time the mother would let her offspring wonder around freely in our yard as she followed close behind. The father would stay behind as the watch guard. In total I've seen 14 new goslings and boy do they grow up fast!

Less than a month later, it was a little difficult identifying the goslings as they were about the size of their parents! The abundance of grass around here has kept their families growing. I've also had the pleasure of seeing a new duck family with 4 new ducklings. It appears she may be a single parent as I have not seen the father around lately. I must add, they were adorable and not as noisy.

Surprising, I have not seen much procreation from the smaller birds. However, the bird watching has been phenomenal! There is a beautiful male cardinal that visits my deck a few times out the day. Last week, my husband and I heard and saw a black and white woodpecker, which I thought were only red, as I've never saw them in person before. Lastly, there is a stork who comes in daily for his meal and he sure does eat well.

I appreciate my neighbors keeping up with their yards as your hard work makes for a one of a kind view. Thank you, all. We have a beautiful neighborhood!

*Lashonda Fitch*

## Things to Do Around Town

### Big River

Aug 17-19, 24-25, 8pm Fri-Sat, 2pm Sun, 2pm

#### Hoogland Center for the Arts

Mark Twain's timeless classic sweeps us down the mighty Mississippi as the irrepressible Huck Finn helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom.

**Ticket: \$18, \$20**

### Abe's Amble 10K

Aug 19, 7:30am Sun.

#### Illinois State Fairgrounds

6.2-mile course takes runners through Lincoln Park, Oak Ridge Cemetery and back to fairgrounds. Registration at [www.srrc.net](http://www.srrc.net).

### Bicentennial Plaza Dedication

August 26, 2018, 3:15pm - 5pm

#### Bicentennial Plaza, 428 S. Fifth St.

Bicentennial Plaza is a new pedestrian walkway linking the Lincoln Home National Historic Site to the Governor's Mansion along the Jackson Street corridor in historic downtown Springfield. The Plaza is dedicated to Abraham Lincoln's vision for America as a country with opportunity & equality for all.

### Art Spectacular

Sept 8 Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sept 9 Sun 10 am-4pm

#### Washington Park Botanical Garden

Free admission and parking

Festival of art, music and children's programs

### Downtown Springfield Family Festival

#### (Fundraiser – Prevent Child Abuse)

Sept 8, Sat 10 am-5 pm, Old State Capitol Plaza

Family activities, games, food trucks, bounce houses, entertainment.

**Cost:** \$10/person, children 2 and under free.

### Center for Transplant Services 5K Run/Walk

September 15, 2018, 9am - 12pm

#### Hope Pavilion at Southwind Park

Registration fees: Adults \$25, Youth (12 & under) \$15

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## Things to Do Around Town - Cont'd

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### City Wide Hymn Fest

Sept. 23, 12pm, Free

#### Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon

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### History Happy Hour: Rum

Saturday, October 6, 7:00pm

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### Youth Charity Horse Show

Oct. 5 - 7, 8am-10pm Fri-Sat, 8am-6pm Sun

#### Illinois State Fairground, Enclosed Covered Arena

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### Carve for the Carillon

October 13, 2018

#### Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon

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## Criminal Activity within Twin Lakes

Twin Lakes has been experiencing an uptick in criminal activity. Most of this activity is related to burglaries to vehicles, criminal property damage and theft. Additionally, disturbance and domestic abuse calls are also up.

Our new NPO provided the board with a list of calls and associated properties. Owners of rental properties which have had multiple calls will be notified of this activity. We believe two renters are being evicted for their behavior.

During mid-July, a number of vehicles were struck by a band of young adults. They ransacked unlocked cars, stole items from inside the cars and then broke a few windows to get items within the car. The police arrested 4 individuals but believe others are also involved.

Again, this past weekend cars were broken into and two cars were stolen. Both cars had keys (one hidden) in them. One car was stolen from inside the garage as the garage door was left up. Only 1 car has been recovered so far.

To best protect yourself from theft, please don't leave ANY valuables or keys (including hidden ones) in your car. Please LOCK your cars and be sure to SHUT your garage doors, even during the day! And if your neighbor leaves their garage door open, go tell them so they won't be a victim! We have to watch after each other! As always: **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!!**

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Public Works	789-2246
City Waste Management	789-2327
Republic Services (dumpsters only)	522-7797
Alderman John Fulgenzi	899-8598
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## Trash/Recycling/Large Item Pickup Important Numbers

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Problems with trash pickup . . . . .	544-9602
Problems with recycling pickup . . . . .	544-9602
<i>(or email <a href="mailto:tlha.trash@comcast.net">tlha.trash@comcast.net</a>)</i>	
Large Item Pick up . . . . .	<b>523-2710</b>
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