

Twin Lakes News

Summer
2024
Edition

KING PIN

We appreciate the free use of the community room for monthly board meetings, thank you!

FALL FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SATURDAY,

SEPTEMBER 28th

4:00pm — 8:00pm

(Area between the North Lake & Mayden Drive)

Bring your lawn chairs, snacks, sides, and sticks for roasting! See page 2 of Johnny's letter for more information! News on event activities will be announced closer to the date.

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For all that have moved to Twin Lakes recently, we welcome you! We have a wholesome community with over 376 units. I consider our subdivision a big team with several managers. At our Annual Meeting last June, we discussed several issues from improvements, concerns, and finances. We also held our Annual election consisting of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and General Board Members. We have our Monthly meeting at King Pin lanes on the second Thursday of every month. Meetings start at 6:30 pm on the West side of the bowling alley. Craig Rhodes, proprietor of King Pin, generously donates the meeting room at no charge. The meeting consists of past month's minutes being approved, past month's expenses, our budget, past dues, new business and old business. When members would like to talk about concerns, we push their business to the front of the agenda. Every member is welcome to attend the complete meeting except when we discuss past dues. We keep this private with the Board Members. We will ask members to leave the room during this discussion.

Our new Board consists of the President John Thomas and Vice President Jeremy Viele, who is the team leading the board. Next, we have Secretary Cori Pickett, who is the editor and journalist of your newsletter, creates the agenda, takes minutes, receives calls from members and all secretarial duties. Treasurer Diana Rees, who collects dues, pays bills, creates invoices, keeps track of our budget and all finance duties. We do have a member which leads our website and that is Leticia Pickens. This is very helpful to inform our members via the computer of what is going on. Brent Ramsey will be Co-Chairman of our Lake committee and he will lead the process of making our area ADA accessible. John LoGrasso is a big part of making sure public relations is maintained at a high level. We also have two new members that have been voted in. Aisha Byas, who is a nurse at St. Johns and grew up in the neighborhood on Twin Lakes Drive and our final member is Chris Daum who is located at the front entrance close to Superior and Twin Lakes Drive. Chris has already earned his first stripe by pitching in to remove branches from our front entrance. Thank you all for volunteering!

As a board, we are trying to get more members involved in everyday functions of our community. We have approved the Lake Committee with Brent Ramsey and Steve Koskey as Co-Chairmans. They will meet and discuss improvements on bridges, ADA paved areas, our dam, and improving areas to fish. We will have several other committees form so others can get involved. Possibly trash, Facebook, beautification, gardening and tree maintenance to name a few. Behind Superior, we have a gentleman that has been clearing along our fence line. Thank you to Ron Smith! It looks great!

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We will be installing a new playset on the East playground starting at the end of July. Volunteers are welcome to join in. We do ask all volunteers that help in our common areas to sign a liability release form. We are also planning a dog park. It will possibly be located on the North side of the dam, just South of Mayden Avenue. We will be clearing the area on the South Lake where we demolished the old playset that ran its course. If anyone has any suggestions for this area, please feel free to share.

We have not had a community party in a while. The Fireworks have become more costly than what we can afford. Next year, there MAY be a downscaled show. This September 28th, we will be bringing back our Fall Festival. Several years ago, the Board borrowed a big smoker which we smoked a pork butt and several racks of ribs. Members brought beans to share and other sides. We had bag games, horseshoes and a fire. This party will start at 4pm and continue to 8pm. It will be located North of the dam off of Mayden. Hope to see several friends and neighbors join in on the celebration.

The board is looking forward to serving our quaint little community in Springfield Illinois. Good luck in all your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,
Johnny Thomas

BRANCH PICKUP/DROP-OFF

Branch PICKUP is DIFFERENT from the leaf and yard waste collection.

Branch PICKUP ONLY happens four times a year.

Smaller branches can be broken up & placed in yard waste bags or containers as part of the City's bi-weekly yard waste pickup.

Branches must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of your pick-up week. DO NOT place branches or brush on the center boulevard.

Be mindful where you place branches! The city asks everyone, to avoid placing branches and yard waste on: manholes, handholes, junction boxes, meter pits, stand pipes, sprinkler heads, inlets, drains, poles/posts, guy wires, general equip/structures, sidewalks, bike lanes, or boulevards.

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WEEK OF:

AUGUST	26th
NOVEMBER	25th

YARD WASTE/LEAF PICKUP

WEEK OF:

AUGUST	12th, 29th
SEPTEMBER	9th, 23rd
OCTOBER	7th, 21st

Note: Placing yard waste in the right place enhances the safety of our roadways & can alleviate flooding.

Please keep inlets near your property clear or contact a board member for help. Inlets can easily get clogged with leaves & other debris & cause street flooding. Grass clippings blown into the streets can also be hazardous to motorcycles & other vehicles.

Sweeping or blowing leaves or grass clippings into the street is a City violation and doing so could result in a fine.

Please read *Branch Pickup/Drop-Off* for an update from the city on placement of branches/yard waste.

RECYCLING PICKUP

WEEK OF:

AUG	2nd, 16th, 30th
SEPT	13th, 27th
OCT	11th, 25th

***HOLIDAYS MIGHT
CHANGE PICKUP DATES***



Please help the board with keeping our community clean and free of critters.

Pickup trash/recycling, any items around your property and along the common grounds (i.e., sidewalks, street, around mailbox, etc.), that tend to attract cute but pesky critters.





David Barnes	Chris & Melissa Hampson
Walter Burnett II	Lindsay Patterson
Kevin & Katie Fry	Brian Utinske

**Do you want your name off this list?
Contact the Board and arrange a payment plan today. It's not too late!**

Playground Fund Donors

John and Kim Meneghetti	\$50
A&B Printing	\$50
Anonymous	\$7



Fish Stocking Program Donors

Eric and Sierra Ferrell	\$10
Towanda Johnson	\$50
Anonymous	\$2



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To contribute towards the Playground Fund for new equipment, please complete this form & mail with donation to:

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TWIN LAKES COMMUNITY POLLINATOR GARDEN

If you've driven across the lakes the past few months you've probably seen board members and residents both out on by the north lake, getting the community pollinator garden up and running. Our lead gardening expert Leticia Pickens, has been deep in dirt, fending off geese and bunnies, and getting all sorts of flowers and veggies planted in the garden. In just a few short weeks, the garden has grown from a few small plants to large various assortments of zinnias, sunflowers, lavender, lilies, peppers, tomatoes, and more. Leticia and fellow board member Cori Pickett built a bench and small bridge for the garden and Leticia did an amazing job placing pathways for walking around the garden. We want to thank the board members/residents that stopped by to help with moving large amounts of dirt, pavers, plants, trees, etc. If you're interested in add/maintain something in the garden or would like to help with the garden, please reach out to Leticia.





Bring your appetites (and \$\$\$) for food, fun, rides, amazing bands, and much more! See below for a list of grandstand lineups as well as events happening at the 2024 Illinois State Fair!

Aug 8th	Twilight Parade (5:30pm)
	Monsters of Destruction (7:30pm)
Aug 9th	Keith Urban (8pm)
Aug 10th	Mullet Competition (Grand Central Stage, 2pm)
	Illinois State Fair Rodeo (7:30pm)
	Motley Crue (8pm)
Aug 11th	Jason Isbell (8pm)
Aug 12th	ITPA Truck & Tractor Pulls (7:30pm)
Aug 13th	ITPA Truck & Tractor Pulls (7:30pm)
	Jordan Davis (8pm)
Aug 14th	ITPA Truck & Tractor Pulls (7:30pm)
	Lil Wayne (8pm)
Aug 15th	Jonas Brothers (8pm)
Aug 16th	The Smashing Pumpkins (8pm)
Aug 17th	Fairytales on Ice - Peter Pan and Wendy (Orr Bldg, 11am/ 3pm)
	USAC Bettenhausen 100 (2pm)
	ISF Championship Demolition Derby (6:00pm, Power Wheels starts at 5pm)
	Miranda Lambert (8pm)
Aug 18th	Fairytales on Ice - Peter Pan and Wendy (Orr Bldg, 11am/ 3pm)
	ARCA/Sportsman Nationals (1pm)
	Shaboozey (8pm)

Purchase tickets/passes, get fair updates, a list of food & vendors, competitions, and more at www.statefair.illinois.gov.

NEED SHELTER RESERVATIONS?

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NEED A GARBAGE CAN AND / OR RECYCLING BIN?

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Call/text: 217-414-1154



Fireworks Fund Donors

Eric and Sierra Ferrell	\$10
Towanda Johnson	\$50
Anonymous	\$53
Proceeds from 2024 Garage Sale Food Tent	\$883

Thank You

FIREWORKS FUND

To contribute towards the fireworks display for the 2025 celebration, please complete this form and mail with your donation to:

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Springfield IL 62791-8133

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NEW PLAYGROUND COMING — END OF AUGUST!

Getting ready kids! The east playgrounds are getting a huge upgrade! The board with the assistance of Greg and Donovan Winhold (thank you, guys!) were able to tear down the old playset a few weeks ago and by the end of August, a brand new playset will be in its place. Here's a picture of the new playset currently in construction! This playset was purchased with funds from the playground fund—we thank everyone who worked tirelessly in purchasing/tearing down/setting up, etc. the playground!



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MASTER ANGLERS — IF YOU SEE ANY HOOKs or LUREs PICK THEM UP...!

We've had reports of residents finding hooks/lures in their shoes and pets are getting them caught in their paws. Please remember to pick up after yourself when fishing around the lakes and bridges. Remember to take everything with you when you leave! Thank you!!!

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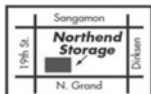
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~ BECAUSE THE HOA POSTED NO PARKING SIGNS!!

Sorry, no chickens have been reported crossing the bridge but we do have many families that ride bikes, walk, run, etc. along the Twin Lakes Drive bridge, and as much as we don't like them, we have many many geese that frequently hang out there. For fear something bad will happen, a few residents living near the bridge have kindly ask drivers to move their vehicles. **The board was notified some residents have been threatened multiple times by drivers/fishermen and police are having to get involved.** The board notified NPO Officer Dorsey of this issue and she's working with us on additional measures to help protect the residents around this area. The city is also working with the board on additional measures that can be put in place to stop drivers from parking on the bridge. Thank you to the many residents that have been parking behind the *NO Parking* signs. We appreciate your help as we try and keep the area safe. Parking on the bridge is for emergencies, maintenance personnel, and for board members to drop off/clean up events (i.e., garage sale, fireworks, etc.). These signs are posted on the bridge for a reason and violators are being reported. **The safety of our residents is top priority!**



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 CWLP Non-Emergency.....217-789-2116
 Police Non-Emergency.....217-788-8311
 NPO-Officer Dorsey.....217-741-0979
 Police - Animal Complaints.....217-788-8314
 Public Works217-789-2246
 City Waste Management.....217-789-2327
 Republic Services.....217-522-7797
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 Alderman Larry Rockford.....217-341-1221

Trash/Recycling/Large Item Pickup Important Numbers

Problems with trash cans.....217-414-1154
 Problems with trash pickup.....217-414-1154
 Problems with recycling pickup.....217-414-1154
 Large Item Pickup.....217-523-2710
 Large Dumpster.....Any of the waste haulers

2024-2025 TLHA Board Members

Name	Position	Phone
Johnny Thomas	President	217-414-1154
Jeremy Viele	Vice President	217-502-4414
Diana Rees	Treasurer	217-494-2225
Cori Pickett	Secretary	217-414-3001
Aisha Byas	Member	217-725-4410
Chris Daum	Member	269-816-4671
John LoGrasso	Member	217-416-5272
Leticia Pickens	Member	630-306-3995
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