

# Twin Lakes NEWS

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2025  
Edition**

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## PLAYGROUND FUND UPDATE

At the January Board Meeting, the board voted to revise the *Playground Fund* to the *Dog Park Fund*. As all funds for the playground were spent to purchase new playground equipment and to update the east playground area, the fund sat empty for some time.

With the Dog Park project underway, we have established a fund to specifically help with this project. If you would like to donate to the Dog Park Fund, see page three (3) for more information.

## GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM TWIN LAKES HOMES ASSOCIATION!

It is hard to believe that 2024 is already over but here we are — 2025! Your TLHA Board is looking forward to some exciting projects this year such as: establishing the dog park, completing the playground renovation and remodel, working with the city to fix various sidewalks around the neighborhood, planting and replacing dead trees along the common grounds, bringing life and vibrancy back to the community pollinator garden, and more.

There are many ways that you can get involved. We are always looking for residents to establish/join committees. The more volunteers we have the more we can accomplish!

TLHA has multiple resources:

- **TLHA WEBSITE:** We provide updated resources on our website, [www.tlha.net](http://www.tlha.net), including Welcome Packets, Architectural Forms, our Bylaws/Covenants, information on our annual meeting, and more!
- **FACEBOOK:** We continually post information on our Facebook page, *Twin Lakes Homes Association*, including: TLHA Calendar of Events for monthly board meetings, spring garage sale, spring clean-up day, and our fall festival; updates on projects around the neighborhood; resident/volunteer highlights, various requests for members (i.e., missing pets, garage sales, etc.) and more!
- **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Board meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday of every month, at 6:30 pm at King Pin Lanes. Occasionally, the date may change but we do our best to notify residents when that occurs.
- **NEWSLETTERS:** The board sends out quarterly newsletters to all residents and advertisers. The newsletters provide various updates, TLHA fund donors, TLHA and city contacts, advertisers, a calendar of events, and much more. We try to have these mailed out the first week of every quarter, however we cannot control the mail service.

If you have questions, please contact a board member, or email us at [twin.lakes.home.association@outlook.com](mailto:twin.lakes.home.association@outlook.com).

Be safe, be warm, and look out for one another.

We're looking forward to 2025 and we hope that you are too!

## **BIRD FLU GUIDANCE AND REPORTING**

In mid December 2024, a board member reported multiple sightings of dead geese in both lakes and on common grounds. The next day, another five (5) dead geese were seen and this information was reported to the Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) who are monitoring mortality avian influenza (bird flu) events in waterfowl, aquatic birds, and birds of prey throughout Illinois.

Test results received (**our results are not in**) so far indicate highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) as the cause. IDNR issued a Press Release on 12/20/2024 and is available on their website.

Here are some key points from IDNR's recommendations:

- Avoid handling sick or dead birds.
- Keep pets away from bird carcasses.
- Use protective gear like gloves, masks, and goggles when disposing of dead birds.
- Wash your hands thoroughly after handling birds or bird carcasses.
- Cook game meat to an internal temperature of 165°F. **Avoid handling sick or dead waterfowl found in the field.**

If you develop flu-like symptoms after exposure to sick or dead birds, contact your local health department and inform healthcare providers of your exposure. For more detailed information, you can check the IDNR press release on their website.

"While avian influenza generally poses a low risk to the population, it is essential to take the necessary steps to avoid exposure, and to seek treatment quickly if you are exposed," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra.

## **KC FISH FRY DATES ANNOUNCED!!!**

Knights of Columbus • Council 4175  
2801 West St. Springfield, IL 62707

WEEK OF:	
<b>FEB</b>	21st
<b>MAR</b>	7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th
<b>APR</b>	4th, 11th, and 18th

Mark your calendars for the #1 Fish Fry in town! Get ready for some delicious walleye, catfish, shrimp, tilapia, hot dogs, french fries, cole slaw, potato salad, baked potatoes, drinks, and more!

Serving hours are 4:30pm — 7:00pm.  
Carry out is available. Call (217) 528-5740

## **SPRINGFIELD EVENTS**

### **Boondock's**

**02/28:** Ella Langley (sold out)  
**03/08:** Casey Donahew  
**03/15:** Jackson Dean

### **Illinois State Fairgrounds**

**02/16:** Springfield Flea Market (Illinois Bldg.)  
**02/21:** 31st Annual Boat Show (Orr Bldg.)  
**03/01:** 26th Annual Illinois Product Expo (Orr Bldg.)  
**03/09:** 2025 Springfield Train Fair (Orr Bldg.)  
**03/22:** Midwest Toy and Comic Fest (Orr Bldg.)

### **Downtown Springfield**

**02/08, 02/22, 03/08, 04/05, 04/19:** Winter Old Capitol Farmer's Market (Union Station)  
**03/15:** St. Patrick's Day Parade  
**04/05:** Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon

### **UIS Performing Arts Center**

**02/13:** Brett Young  
**02/14:** Joe Gatto: Let's Get Into It  
**02/21:** Pretty Woman  
**03/07:** Music of Harry Potter-IL Symphony Orchestra  
**03/12:** Keb' Mo' / Shawn Colvin  
**03/20:** One Night of Queen  
**03/26:** Whose Live Anyway?  
**03/29:** Million Dollar Time Machine  
**04/15:** Blippi — Join the Band Tour!  
**04/17:** The Cher Show

### **BOS Center**

**03/21:** 2024 Springfield RV and Camping Show

### **Washington Botanical Gardens**

**03/22-04/13:** Spring Floral Show

### **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum**

**02/12:** Lincoln's Birthday Celebration  
**Now — 04/08:** Armbruster Manufacturing Exhibit  
**Now — 04/20:** Freedom in Form: Richard Hunt

### **Hoogland Center for the Arts**

**02/07-02/09** and **02/14-02/16:** AIDA  
**02/21:** A Journey Through Gospel Music  
**03/07-03/09** and **03/14-03/16:** Million Dollar Quarter  
**03/14-03/16** and **03/21-03/23:** Rabbit Hole  
**04/03:** Death of a Salesman  
**04/04-04/06** and **04/11-04/13:** Next to Normal  
**04/16:** That's What She Said Springfield  
**04/25-04/27:** Mr. Lincoln

## TLHA DONATION FORM (ALL)

If you would like to contribute to one or more of the following Twin Lakes Homes Association (TLHA) Funds, please check the box next to the fund you would like to contribute to below. If you wish to contribute to more than one fund, please note the total of the donation next to each fund, or the amounts will be split 50/50. Mail your form with donation(s) to:

TLHA  
PO Box 8133  
Springfield IL 62791-8133

My enclosed donation is (please circle)

\$10.00    \$15.00    \$20.00    \$25.00

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☐ Fish Stocking Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Playground Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mark one: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

Permission is granted to publish my name as a contributor to one or more of the *TLHA Funds* in the next TLHA Quarterly Newsletter.

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DONATION

### DOG PARK FUND DONORS

Mayor Misty and Michael  
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\$200

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### FIREWORKS FUND DONORS



### FISH STOCK FUND DONORS



## WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Please pickup after yourself when on common grounds and along your property (i.e., sidewalks, streets, around mailboxes, etc.). Trash makes it's way into our ditches, dam, lakes, and drains; and every now and then, it can affect the health and safety of our pets and wildlife.

As members, you are responsible for you, your pets, and your guests when using our common grounds. Remember to pick up hooks/lines, cans, trash, etc. Residents have reported pets are getting injured on walks from hooks found in the grass and pets off leash are having a negative impact on the wildlife that live around the lake.



[www.tlha.net](http://www.tlha.net)



**David Barnes**

**Chris & Melissa Hampson**

**Zaleigh Grisby**

**Lindsay Patterson**

**Brian Utinske**

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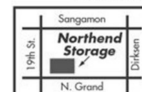
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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS & TLHA CALENDAR EVENTS

### Miscellaneous Phone Numbers

Animal Control.....217-535-3065  
 Springfield Park District.....217-544-1751  
 CWLP  
 Report power outage.....217-789-2121  
 Report water problems.....217-789-2323  
 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 Works.....217-789-2246  
 City Waste Management.....217-789-2327  
 Republic Services.....217-522-7797  
 (dumpsters only)  
 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

### NEED A GARBAGE CAN / RECYCLING BIN?



**CONTACT JOHNNY**  
 Call/text:  
 217-414-1154

### NEED SHELTER RESERVATIONS?



**CONTACT JEREMY**  
 Call/text: 217-502-4414  
 Email:  
 jviele13@gmail.com

### RECYCLING PICKUP

#### WEEK OF:

FEB	14th, 28th
MAR	14th, 28th
APR	11th, 25th

**\*HOLIDAYS MIGHT  
AFFECT PICKUP DATES\***



## 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
Brent Ramsey	Member	217-820-3043

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 See our website, [www.tlha.net](http://www.tlha.net), for Welcome Packets,  
 Architectural forms, and more! Contact a board  
 member above or find us on Facebook!

## TLHA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meetings (Held 6:30pm, at King Pin Lanes)

- Thursday, February 13th, 2025
- Thursday, March 13th, 2025
- Thursday, April 10th, 2025

## LEAF PICKUP/YARD WASTE

Yard waste must be placed  
 curbside by 6:00 am on the  
**Monday of your pickup week**  
 and in the right location to en-  
 sure the safety of our roadways  
 & to alleviate flooding.

#### WEEK OF:

FEB	10th, 24th
MAR	10th, 24th
APR	7th, 21st

Residents can use brown paper yard waste bags  
 or hard plastic containers for yard waste. If us-  
 ing hard plastic containers, please ensure the  
 containers are clearly marked with "YW" or "Yard  
 Waste". **NO Stickers are required.**

If bags/containers were missed, email spring-  
 fieldyw@lakeareadisposal.com or contact the  
 City's Office of Public Works at 217.789.2255.

## BRANCH PICKUP/DROP-OFF

**Evans Recycling— 2100 J. David Jones Parkway**  
**(217) 370-3780**

#### WEEK OF:

APR	28th
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Branch Pickup is NOT Leaf Pickup /  
 Yard Waste. Branch Pickup happens  
 four times a year. Branches must be  
 placed curbside by 7:00 am on the Monday of  
 your pick-up week. **DO NOT PUT** branches or  
 brush on the center boulevard. **Smaller branch-**  
**es** can be broken up & placed in yard waste  
 bags or containers.

**Avoid placing branches/yard waste on:** man-  
 holes, handholes, junction boxes, meter pits,  
 stand pipes, sprinkler heads, inlets, drains, poles/  
 posts, general equip/structures, sidewalks, bike  
 lanes, etc.

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