

# The Acorn

Fall 2015

## The Board of Directors

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### 2016 Board Meeting Dates:

Please contact a board member to confirm time and location of all meetings.

January 12  
March 8  
May 10  
July 12  
September 13

Annual Meeting:  
November 8



### Important Dates for 2016:

#### Association Garage Sales –

Thurs., May 19 for association  
Fri. – Sat., May 20-21 for public

Thurs., Oct. 6 for association  
Fri. – Sat., Oct. 7-8 for public

#### Annual Picnic – Sat., September 10

Common area between Dupont  
Oaks Blvd. & Scarlet Oak Run

## Email notices

If you would like to be added to The Oaks email list to receive important notices, information, and even your newsletter, send an email to [theoakshoa@yahoo.com](mailto:theoakshoa@yahoo.com) and we will add you!!

## Serv-All Association Discount



Republic Services has offered The Oaks an association discount for Trash and Recycling. If you have not gotten your discount, please contact Republic Services at 260-478-0346.



## Resident Complaints:

Within the last few months, the Board has received complaints on the following issues:

Cleaning up after pets: When walking your pets, please clean up after them. No one wants to clean up after *your* pet.

Trash cans in view of street: Reminder that there is a County Ordinance which states trash receptacles are to be placed out of view from the street. If you are storing them on the side of your home, please hide them behind a barrier. **DO NOT STORE YOUR TRASH CANS IN YOUR DRIVEWAY.**



Items stored on the side of homes: Please be respectful of your neighbors and do not store large items along the side of your home (i.e. ladders, garden equipment, building materials, etc.). You may not be able to see these items on a regular basis, but your neighbors might. Our continual goal for The Oaks is to keep our neighborhood one that everyone is proud to live in!

**Winter Reminders:**

- Please do not park in the street when snow is predicted. This makes it difficult for the snow plows to completely remove the snow from all areas.
- We ask that you not blow the snow from your driveways into the street after it has been plowed. We know it is frustrating to have the plows block the end of your driveway, but unfortunately, there is no other way to do it.
- Snow removal on sidewalks is the responsibility of the individual homeowners. You are liable for this area, so please clear the sidewalk in front of your house.
- Speed Limit in the association is 25 mph. Please, please, please keep it under 25!
- If you see someone repeatedly speeding or driving recklessly, please contact the Sheriff's office with the plate number and description of the vehicle. They will follow up with the owner of the vehicle. The Allen County Sheriff non-emergency number is (260) 449-3000.
- Stray cats are a problem in our neighborhood. There are several "wild" cats living in the wooded areas. Please report these animals to Animal Control. If you own a cat, please do not allow him/her to roam freely.
- Remember to lock your vehicle's doors at night. Don't make it easy for anyone to steal items from it.
- If your block does not have a block captain, newsletters will not be delivered to your door. If you would like to request a paper newsletter, please contact Andra Kosmoski.
- Messages for the message board can be requested by contacting Andra at least two weeks prior to the date you want the message displayed.
- If a street lamp is out on your street, please report it to Susan Diller at [bijou570717@yahoo.com](mailto:bijou570717@yahoo.com).

**Misc. Concerns:** Recently a neighbor found a syringe and needle behind their property in a common area. Please talk to your children about this danger.

The Indiana State Police office are warning residents about trash left behind by those who have manufactured methamphetamine. For full details, go to <http://www.wndu.com/home/headlines/Indiana-State-Police-remind-hunters-about-the-dangers-of-meth-lab-trash-277240681.html>



### **Area Construction Update:**

On November 10<sup>th</sup> the Board of Directors held the Annual Board Meeting. Dan McCrea, obtained information from the Allen County Plan Commission on future developments in the area. Here are some of the highlights:

- Leo Road Shoppes – Mayhew and Old Leo Road (south of Marathon Gas station along the east side of Mayhew Road) Primary plans, which were approved March 2015, include a gas station, auto repair, and future retail.
- Dupont Road widening between Coldwater and Lima Roads is scheduled for 2016.
- Parkview Cancer Care Center – Currently going through the Plan Commission Process for primary development plan. This facility is planned to be built south of the main Parkview building.
- Mike's Carwash is waiting for the Diebold expansion to be finished before building.

Neighbors can always check the Plan Commission website at [www.allencounty.us/dps](http://www.allencounty.us/dps) > *Agendas* > *Plan Commission Monthly Project information Packets* for additional information.

Plans are proceeding for Diebold Road improvements between N. Clinton and Dupont Road. You can contact Brian Sechler with the ACHD for plans: [brian.sechler@allencounty.us](mailto:brian.sechler@allencounty.us)

### **American Flags:**

The association purchased small American flags to be displayed during Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, and July 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have a youth group, such as a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, church group, etc., that would be willing to volunteer their time to put up and take down the flags, please contact Andra Kosmoski at 373-0099 or [kosdra@frontier.com](mailto:kosdra@frontier.com).

Block Captains – If you are in need of additional flags, please contact Andra Kosmoski.

We apologize for not placing flags out this past Veteran's Day. We decided that due to the windy weather conditions, this would not have been practical to do this year.

### **2016 Directory:**

We are in the process of planning for the next The Oaks Resident Directory. Please be sure to correct any errors on the form you return with your Annual Dues. We will be using this information for the new directory.



**Annual Dues and Annual Budget:**

Please be sure to mail your Annual Dues by January 1, 2016. Liens will be placed if dues become delinquent.

If you would like a copy of the Annual Budget that was presented at the Annual Board Meeting on November 10, 2015, please email Andra Kosmoski at [theoakshoa@yahoo.com](mailto:theoakshoa@yahoo.com).

**The Oaks Sign Update:**

The Board is waiting for Brian Fleming from RCI Development to survey a plot of land located near the current message board before placing a new sign. We requested this to be done almost a year ago, and we are still waiting. Once this is done, we will finalize our plans for a new sign.

The sign, which was removed from the Dupont Road entrance, will be placed between The Oaks and Parker's Bay as soon as the home being built in Parker's Bay is completed.