

Lakes of Buckingham



Newsletter



April 2025

Happenings around the Neighborhood...

- **The Goose Patrol** has started the process of locating nests and taking appropriate action (oiling and/or drilling eggs) as per DNR guidelines. We have received a few instances of reported laser lights and slingshots being seen in the community. These are protected wildlife creatures and it is illegal to harm them or hunt them, even if they are pooping all over your yard, driveway, walkways, and lawn. While laser lights may temporarily deter geese, it is very important to be respectful of your surroundings, i.e. not shining them towards neighboring windows and in the air. It is never appropriate to use any form of weapon – slingshot or BB gun. If you notice a nest, please contact either Ted Williams or Wayne Johnson.
- **LandArt** is finishing up spreading mulch throughout the front and metered-side limited common area beds around units and in the common area beds. As a reminder, the LOB Policy Manual (revised September 2024) outlines on page 7, the following appropriate and inappropriate items for planting areas:

Items Permitted at Front of Unit and in Front Planting Beds:

1. Up to three flags are permitted at front of unit: an American Flag, a State Flag, and a Military Service Flag. Flags must be mounted on the unit. Flag poles are not permitted.
2. Noninvasive perennials, annuals and ornamental vegetable plants: no limit is imposed on variety, color or quantity if planted directly in ground. If these types of beds are installed, they must be maintained by unit owner at all times. Overgrown and unkept beds are not permitted.
3. Pots may be added. These must be located within mulched bed area or on front porch. There is a limit of a total of four (4) pots for any single unit. Decorative pots with color are permitted.
4. Pots on pedestals are permitted.
5. Hanging basket(s) may be used at front provided they are hung directly from porch structure. Plastic baskets and wire baskets with cocoa matting may be used provided they are covered with plant material planted within basket.
6. Trellises are permitted provided they are used against the house wall or light post and are associated with plant material that will use the trellis as foundation anchor. Trellises must be a neutral color, which includes black. Freestanding trellises in pots not adjacent to walls or light post are not permitted.
7. Security signs placed against front of unit.

Items Not Permitted in Front Planting Beds, (may be included in rear planting beds):

1. Garden sculpture or statuary of any kind.
 2. Decorative Signage
 3. Synthetic Plant Material (lifelike pine and other material used during the fall (pumpkins) and winter holiday seasons may be used but is limited to the holiday seasons and must be removed once the season is over)
 4. Vegetable gardens that are not considered ornamental
 5. Birdhouses or birdfeeders
 6. Painted rocks, gazing balls, bird baths, fountains, decorative fencing and any other ornamental item not associated with plant growth.
 7. Shepherd's hooks.
- **Tennis/Pickle Ball** nets will be reinstalled and resident Amenities fobs will be activated for the court gate as of April 7. Because the women's restroom is not yet ready for use, the men's room is only accessible by entering through the main clubhouse door. Speaking of Amenities Fobs – if you are new to the community or need a new fob, please contact TNG to obtain an access fob. There is a \$50 fee to obtain a replacement fob.
 - **Crumbling Streets** can be reported by calling 311. We have already called in several locations so far this Spring. Any resident can place a call giving the closest street address to the pothole. Hopefully the more calls, the quicker the repair.

- **Mailbox and Utility Box** repairs are also being worked on, where needed.
- **Vice President Mike Majewski** has submitted the **2025 Neighborhood Grant** application. Items Included in our submission were sidewalk leveling and street trees. Fingers-crossed!!

Dog Owner Responsibilities -

The Board has recently received multiple reports of owners allowing dogs off leash and/or wandering in the neighborhood and not picking up excrement or allowing excrement to remain in their patio or surrounding common grass areas. These instances violate LOB Bylaws Article VI, Restrictions on Use, Section 6.1 Restrictions, (d) and (f), and also City of Fort Wayne Animal City Ordinances 91.017-18. A complete copy of the LOB Bylaws is available on the following website: <http://www.newcombgroupp.us/community/lakesofbuckingham.html>. A complete version of the City of Fort Wayne Animal Care Ordinance can be found at: www.cityoffortwayne.org/general/animal-care-ordinance.html. Violations can be reported by calling 311. Repeated violators can be subject to City fines.

Great American Cleanup

The **Great American Cleanup** is the nation's largest community improvement program that Fort Wayne has participated in for over 30 years. It is a time when we can show our community pride by lending a hand to clean up littered roadsides, parks, trails and river ways. This year's project is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, with the registration deadline being April 11. If you are interested in helping to organize and participate in the event, contact Kenderick Boyd at kenbo62@outlook.com.

Mark Your Calendars for More Upcoming Events –

April 24 – Regular Board Meeting – 5 pm at the Clubhouse – **NOTE* this is a change from the 3rd to 4th Thursday this month!!**

May 16 & 17 – Spring Garage Sale Days

LOB Website – www.newcombgroupp.us/community/lakesofbuckingham.html