

Tower Lakes Times

August 2024

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FROM THE BOARD MEETING

The new board met Tuesday the 13th at the Farmhouse. Three guests were also present. Tom Reister, JoAnn Baker, and Bill Jilek.

Normal business activity took place after information was presented with Tom Reister talking about financial reviews, and JoAnn Baker presenting the tree committee's recommendations for the next phase of the trees to be placed in the tree lawns on the lower end of Cape Cod, Princeton, and Barrington. Both recommendations need board review and approval.

To keep residents informed, Town Hall meetings are planned for the community on both recommendations. Both dates are TBD.

Minutes from June & July were approved and will be posted on the website soon. Financials are on the website now, under "Residents Only".

What happened to the mowers? That's the question it seems many people asked last week. John explained that the mowers wanted to give the grass a chance to recover from the dry weather without the stress of running the equipment over the lawns this past week. He expects that when cut, the grass should be noticeably greener thanks to the recent rain and to the fertilizer application of a few weeks ago. (That was previously noted in an email to the community.)

Three proposals were submitted for the Power Washing project requested by many residents. A letter with costs for washing and/or sealing your driveway, sidewalk and front porch went out to residents on Tuesday with the details. Each homeowner is responsible for payment. Be sure to call Melanie or email her to sign up. Sign up deadline is September 1, 2024.

Chris presented variances for approval.

A change to the TL Times was discussed, possibly emailing the Times to those that have email and delivering it only to those who don't. Investigation for that option will be pursued.

A policy revision is needed for deck colors, since a current color has been discontinued.

A subcommittee was established to find a new attorney for the HOA.

Tower Lakes Board of Trustees

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COMING UP

August 22

Women & Wine, 7 PM, \$2
RSVP to Marina, 567-241-2805
Let her know if you are bringing wine or an appetizer

August 30

Bagged Yard Waste Collection
1:00-1:45 PM, \$1 per bag

September 8

Burgers & Brats, 4 PM, \$10
RSVP to Melinda 615-482-6387

September 10

Board meeting, 7 PM

September 19

Social Committee meeting, 10 AM

September 21

Breakfast at the Farmhouse
9 AM, \$7, RSVP to Pam Crawford,
419-545-5165

September 27

Bagged Yard Waste Collection
1:00-1:45 PM, \$1 per bag

October 3

Introduction to Bunco, 6:30 PM

October 8

Board & Building Rep meetings

October 19

Shawshank Redemption movie
1:30 PM matinee, \$3

All events at the Farmhouse.

*Go to the website calendar
for more details*



towerlakeshoa.com/calendar

WHO'S THAT AT THE DOOR?

We recently had some people going door to door in our community. That brought up questions about what to do if that happens. We asked Neighborhood Watch leader Joe Petrycki for advice.



What to do if a "solicitor" comes to your door?

This is covered in the Codified Ordinances of Mansfield (COM) in Chapter 737. If you would like to read in-depth on it do a Google search > City of Mansfield Ohio ordinances.

"Peddler or Solicitor or Canvasser" shall mean and include any person, either as principal or agent, volunteer, independent contractor or sub-contractor, who goes from place to place, selling or offering to sell, barter, or carry for sale or barter, or exposing therefore, upon any street, road, alley, doorway, sidewalk, vacant lot(s) or other tract of land, any goods, wares, merchandise, samples, food or drink for human consumption, services or other commodity, carried by hand, from portable stands, tables, containers, display stands or any other materials brought to the location, to the consuming public whether or not the material is actually delivered at the time of sale.

If you choose to engage with a solicitor, ask them for their identification as it should be prominently displayed on their person. Once you are satisfied they are who they say they are, you can decide to listen to their sales pitch or politely ask them to leave.

Generally speaking, I suggest that you do not engage them by not answering the door, but I understand that is difficult to do when the door is open.

Even though we have a "No Soliciting" sign posted, this is hard to enforce as our streets/sidewalks are public. There will be people/ organizations conducting knock and talks for various topics such as civic, patriotic, and political groups, recreational, fraternal, charitable, religious, or cultural organizations. Again, you can decide if you want to listen to them or politely decline and ask them to leave.

Summary:

- 1. Do not answer the door unless you feel comfortable doing so.**
- 2. ALWAYS ask for identification regardless of who it is, solicitor, Columbia Gas, City of Mansfield employees, etc.**
- 3. Politely decline and ask them to leave your property if you do not want to speak with them.**
- 4. If they fail to leave, call 419-522-1234 to report Trespassing and give the dispatchers a description.**

DO YOU GROW YOUR OWN TOMATOES?

Well, Fred Hendricks (1644 Nantucket Drive) does. By now, the plants on the right are just shy of 12 feet. There are two cherry tomato plants in the right pot and four larger variety tomato plants in the left pot.



And it didn't even require a variance!

BUILDING REPS

**Next rep meeting is scheduled for
OCTOBER 8th at 7 PM
at the Farmhouse**

**If there's a topic you want to discuss
at that meeting, please contact a
board member ASAP so we can have
it on the agenda.**

ON YOUR NEXT WALK....

Make a point of going past Carol Pollman's Cedar Creek condo to get a close look at this beautiful red hibiscus. Carol got it from Liberty Landscaping about five years ago. It prefers full sun, and the stunning nine-inch blooms last only a day. She cuts it back to the ground each fall.



If you decide to add one of these to your home, Carol suggests that you keep it some distance from concrete, as the spent red blooms can stain. And as a reminder, if a landscaping project expands your beds, a variance is required up front.

Scan this code to go directly to the Tower Lakes Variance form



Thanks to Pam Crawford for the weed-free flower beds at the Tower Lakes entrance.

STAY INFORMED: Go to towerlakeshoa.com.

Watch the news scroll at the top of the page to see the latest updates on a variety of topics, including what other information has been added to the website recently.



POWER WASHING of DRIVEWAYS

After comments at the annual meeting, we secured bids from three companies to perform this service, with **Signal 1 Cleaning Solutions** offering the best option for Tower Lakes. They are willing to give us a quantity discount based upon the number of driveways they do. The intent would be to do them all in one day, (or multiple days in a row depending on number) using the owner's water source. This means you would have to be home the day they are scheduled to do yours.

If we get at least 10 owners who want power washing only it would be \$145.00 plus tax for each condo. This includes the driveway, the walk leading up to the porch, the porch, and the sidewalk along the street in front of your condo.

To have it power washed AND sealed, (same areas), the cost would be \$402.50 plus tax.

If we get 20 or more units, there are additional discounts available.

Please respond to **Melanie Riggleman** by email or by phone **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1** if you want to sign up. There will be an individual invoice placed in your mailbox the day they do the work. Each person is responsible for their own payment. If you don't sign up by September 1, and decide later that you want the service, you will be on your own to select a company, and will not receive discounted prices.

This information was previously distributed in an email dated on August 14th.

REMINDERS

Trimble Road between Cook Road and Marion Avenue will be closed for 45 days starting August 19, 2024

The next Tower Lakes Board of Trustee meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 7:00 PM at the Farmhouse. Residents are welcome to attend.

Residents can see minutes of prior Board of Trustees meetings, along with financial reports on the website.

Scan these codes. Password required.



Minutes



Financials