

# Heather Lake Association

December 2023



## Happy Holidays!

Happy holidays to everyone in Heather Lake! As we put this Winter newsletter together it is sunny and 50 degrees out – but this is Ohio, so we will wait and see what the weather is like when you receive this!

The Board received a lot of feedback regarding the draft Design Review Manual. Since the draft was released we have made over 20 modifications based on Homeowner input. The feedback at the open meeting, via e-mail, text and phone calls was extremely welcome and appreciated. Our primary objective with the Design Review Manual was modernizing and clarifying the rules we have without introducing new restrictions. We hope to have the updated Design Review Manual available to you soon after the first of the year.

## Special events

**Wildlights at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, through January 7, 2024:** The Columbus Zoo Christmas lights featuring Columbus Zoo Christmas lights and festivities featuring displays of millions of LED lights and holiday sights and sounds. Regular admission applies, members get free admission. Parking is \$10/car for non-members.

**The Fairfield County Fairgrounds Festival of Lights** is reopening its gates. The Festival of Lights is open Thanksgiving through Christmas (Sunday-Wednesday, 6-9pm; Thursday-Saturday, 6-10pm). Throughout the season, expect visits with Santa, kettle corn, desserts, and a concession stand. For information on this and other events

Please be careful around the lake in the winter. The Association does not salt or remove snow/ice from the path, so proceed at your own risk. Also, there is no skating allowed on the lake, as our weather is not conducive to a thick, solid ice foundation.



## Park and Common Grounds

The front entrance features to on West Glenhurst had grass seed planted in early October and has grown nicely. Thank you to the neighbors that have helped plant it and will help maintain it. In November, a professional trapper came to assess our muskrat situation at the lake. He found that the muskrats have either been eliminated by other predators or have moved on. Their muskrat runs and other indicators of being present were either old or no longer existent. If we feel this situation changes in the future, he will return.

We have made a lot of progress around the pond this year. Our hope is in 2024 we will be able to maintain it with the help of volunteers, helping with small tasks such as removing weeds, cutting branches, painting fences, and removing debris. If you are interested in helping occasionally and want to join the Park and Common Grounds committee please feel free to reach out. We have a great committee already working towards improvements we but will always welcome new volunteers.

## 2024 Annual Meeting

The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26 from 6 to 8 pm at Wagnalls in Lithopolis. There will be an election for two Board seats – Treasurer (Ann Deskins has informed us that she will be unable to run for another term), and Secretary, which is currently vacant. Please contact Association President John Pekar if you are interested in running for one of these Board seats.

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