



LAKELINES

November 2013

President's Letter  
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Hi Everyone,

The annual meeting of the LITW Neighborhood Association was held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:45 pm at the Bainbridge Library. The overall turnout was small but we appreciate everyone that attended to hear and ask questions about the LITW neighborhood. A lot of good discussion took place with some great thoughts about the future direction of the neighborhood.

Rich Dobre presented the LITW Neighborhood Association financial report, barring any unforeseen expenditures we anticipate finishing 2013 about 20% under budget, mainly due to lower than expected cost for outside services. This is great news as we continue to build capital for future long-term projects (e.g. long term lake and pool expenditures, etc.).

Eric Schmidt presented the LITW survey results; I have attached the summary of the survey results, the key points are as follows:

- Over 95% of the respondents felt that LITW lake's appearance and longevity was either extremely important (68.8%) or very important (27.1%)
- Over 85% of the respondents felt the LITW front entrance was extremely important (41.7%) or very important (43.8%)
- With respect to the question on how often you visit the LITW pool we got the following results.
  - Extremely often 22.9% of respondents
  - Very or Moderately often 22.9% of respondents
  - Slightly often 37.5% of respondents
  - Not at all 16.7% of respondents

The survey confirmed that the lake is an important asset of the neighborhood and we will focus efforts to maintain the quality and appearance of the lake. In addition, even though more than 50% of the respondents indicated that they do not use or slightly use the pool, most indicated it was also a key asset to the neighborhood and one of the things that attracted them to live in the neighborhood. Thanks to everyone who completed the survey, it helps the trustees plan and prioritize future LITW maintenance and improvements.

I am happy to tell one and all that Santa will make an early appearance again in LITW on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. He will be collecting food for the Bainbridge food bank and looks forward to saying “HO-HO-HO” to all the neighborhood children. I understand he may need a little assistance as he tours through the neighborhood. So if you can help contact Chris Cook at 543-6401 or [cpcook2@windstream.net](mailto:cpcook2@windstream.net).

*Santa's Tour 2013*

*Benefitting Bainbridge Food for Friends*

December 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:30 pm

I want to also remind everyone that our LITW by-laws prohibit signs in our yards, lately I've noticed a few advertising signs in the neighborhood. For details see Article VI Section 8 of the by-laws which can be found on our website <http://lakeinthewoods.org>

Lastly, Pete Bongiovanni informed me that this is the last year he and his wife Tina will be placing Christmas decorations around the neighborhood. I want to graciously thank Pete and Tina for their efforts over the years; they have always made the neighborhood look great during the holiday season. We now need a new volunteer to take over this role. It means storing the decorations after the season and placing them out next year. If you can help out or want some more details on the process please contact Pete or me.

Remember, if you have any event announcements that you would like posted in the Lakelines please send the information to me ([eye6sun@gmail.com](mailto:eye6sun@gmail.com)) and Holly Strauch ([dhstrauch@yahoo.com](mailto:dhstrauch@yahoo.com)) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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# Santa's Tour 2013

*Benefitting Bainbridge Food for Friends*

*Santa looks forward to greeting all the kids, so listen for his arrival!*

- *What:* Santa and his elves will visit LITW to meet our families and collect donations for Bainbridge Food for Friends.
- *When:* Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00–7:30 pm
- *Where:* Starting at the Stafford end of LITW Trail, crossing Haskins around 6:00 pm, and ending at Rt. 306

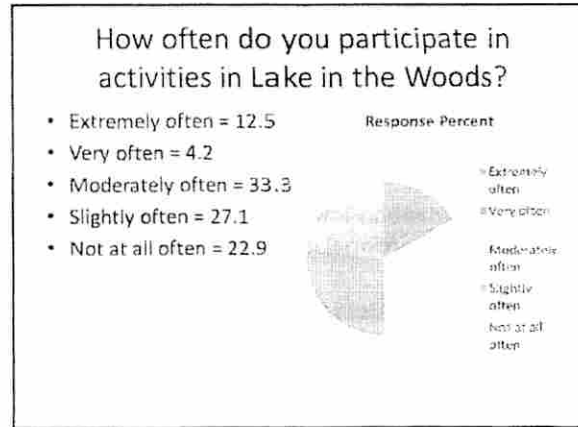
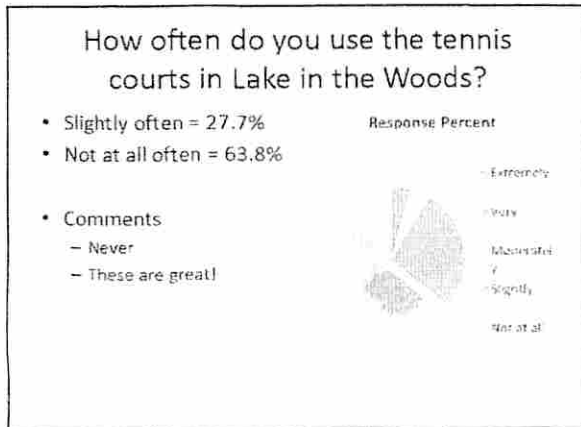
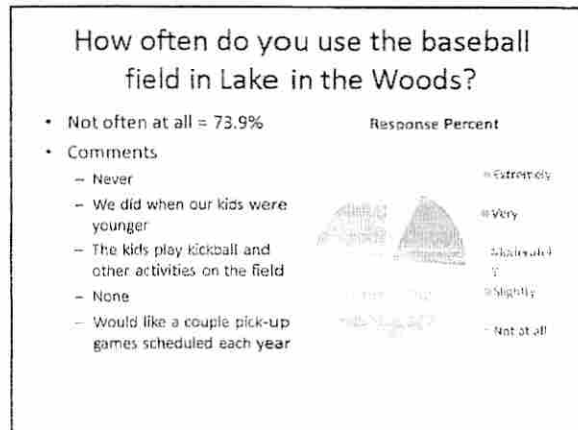
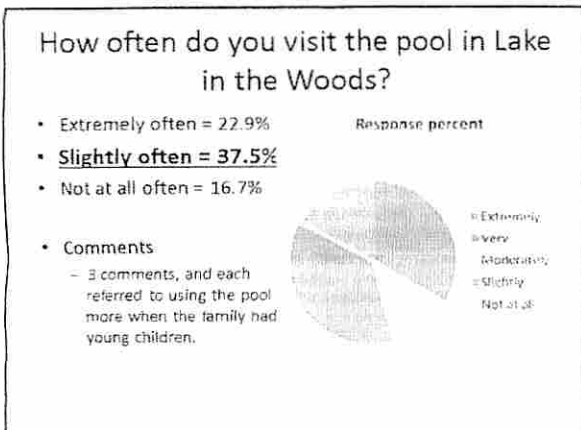
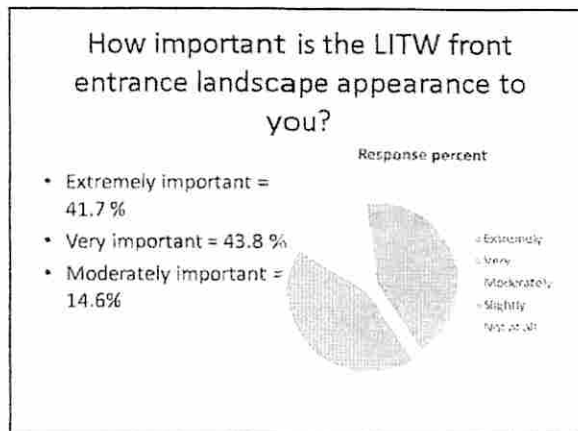
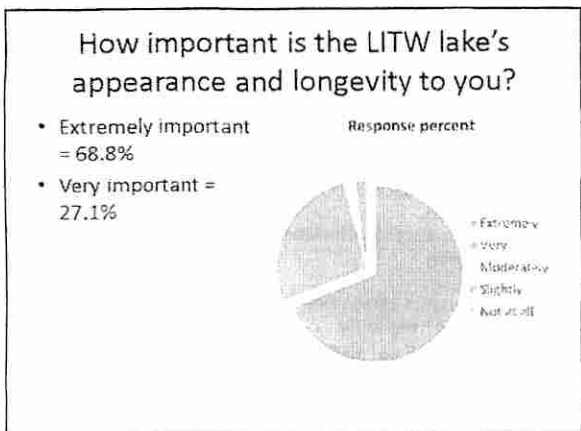
Help fill Santa's sleigh with non-perishable grocery items. (You are welcome to leave items at the street end of your driveway for collection, as well.)

## Needed Donation Items:

Paper Products, Saltines, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Canned Carrots/Beets, Canned Fruit, Canned Soup, Cranberry Sauce, Kitchen Detergent, Peanut Butter, Evaporated Milk, Jell-O, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Salad Dressing, Tuna Fish, Tuna/Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti/Sauce, Cereal, Tea & Coffee, Diced Tomatoes, Tomato/Orange Juice

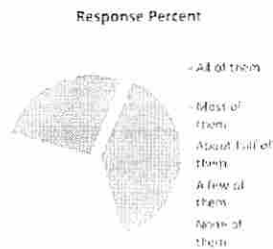
*If you'd like to help (Parents & Elves): Contact Chris Cook*

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### How many of your neighbors do you know?

- Most of them = 39.6%
- About half of them = 33.3%
- A few of them = 20.8%



### What types of events or activities would you attend in the LITW neighborhood?

- 29 responses (highlights)
  - Common interest meetings
  - Adult parties
  - Kids (age range) events to get to know each other
  - Wine tours
  - 5K race associated with the BI
  - Clam bake
  - Bunco
- Most everyone agrees that it would be nice to see each other more frequently
- Those who can not attend are usually those with prior commitments

### What do you like most about the LITW neighborhood?

- 40 responses
- Comments
  - Beautiful amenities
  - Quiet, large lots, natural/nature look, appearance
  - Landscape, facilities, Lake and Pool
  - The people
  - Recreation for adults and children
- Generally, it is a friendly, well maintained, peaceful, private neighborhood according to the respondents

### What changes would most improve Lake in the Woods?

- 39 responses
- Variety of comments
  - Clean / improve lake = 11 individual responses
  - Front entrance improvements = 10 individual responses
  - Pool temp / improvements = 7 individual responses
  - Meet more neighbors (socially and professionally)
  - Just address current rules more frequently
    - Loose dogs / "messy" dog owners
    - Poor property maintenance
    - Speed
    - Trash
    - Assist with neighborhood clean up days

### Conclusions

- Excellent ideas generated from the neighborhood comments
- Clearly, we can see trends in the responses we received
- This information allows the trustees to begin planning for financial impact to the association.
- Bringing these ideas to reality will take the efforts of all the LITW residents.

If you would like to receive Lakelines by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to [dhstrauch@yahoo.com](mailto:dhstrauch@yahoo.com). By doing so, you will be included in e-mail blasts that go out to the neighborhood. Thanks, Holly Strauch