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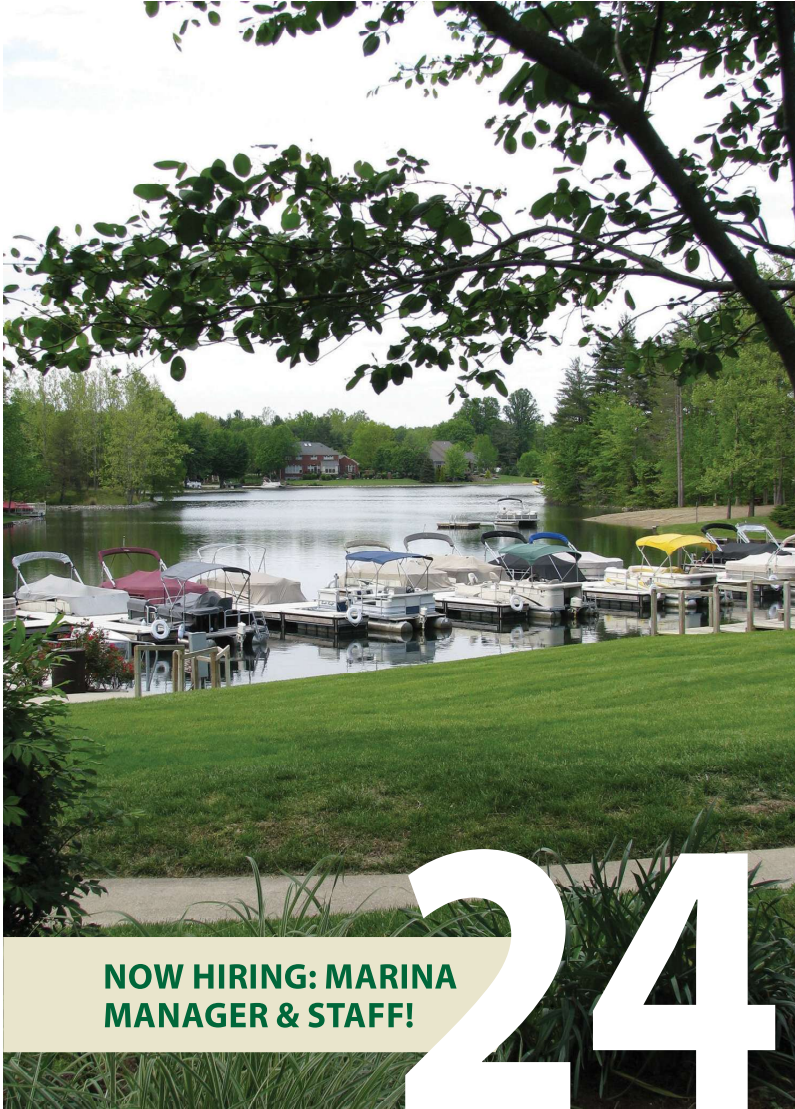


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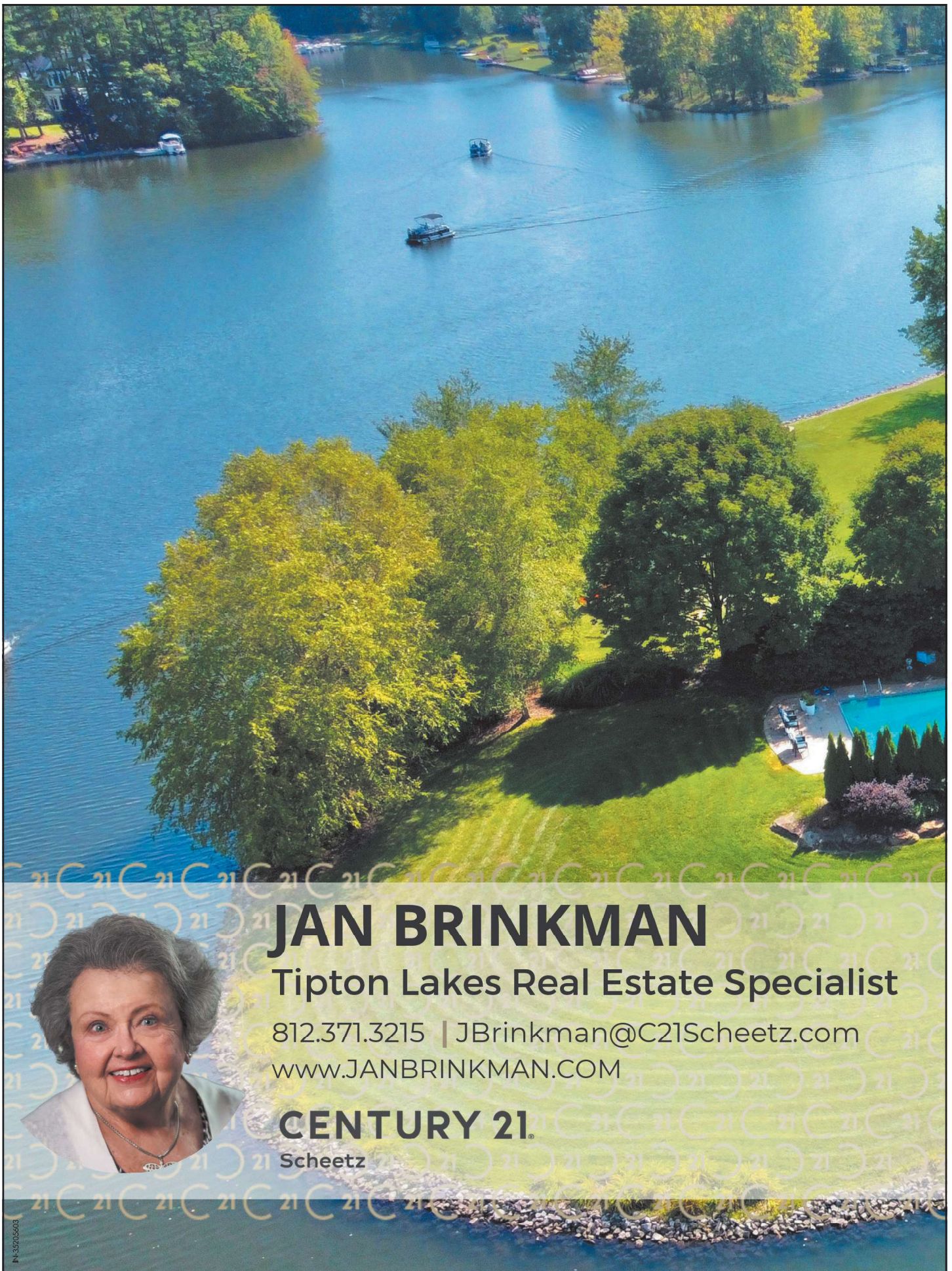
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March 23, 2026

May 18, 2026

July 20, 2026

September 21, 2026

November 16, 2026

All meetings are held on Mondays at 4 p.m. at
the Association Office.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held,
Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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Editor's Note

Welcome to our Spring 2026 issue of Tipton Life™. Our goal for 2026, is to have some fun activities for all Members to enjoy. Be sure and check out the "Save the dates" for the list of events. These dates may be subject to change, please check our website prior to each event. One event that is rapidly approaching is the Annual Meeting. See the articles in this issue on how you get involved and give your time and talent as a member of a committee or the Board of Directors. The Member's commitment to volunteer is another reason why Tipton Lakes is a great place to live!

Tipton Life™ is the official magazine of Tipton Lakes Community Association. All information included in each and every edition is generated in partnership between Aim Media Indiana and TLCA. You can count on up-to-date, factual and informative news here. In addition, we hope Tipton Life™ will help our members get to know our community and neighbors. Whether you are new to the community or have lived here for many years, our magazine is designed with you in mind.

You can help us make Tipton Life™ more meaningful by making content suggestions and participating in our news gathering. If you have information you would like to share or have content suggestions, please contact the Association Office at 812-342-8522 or by email at chastity.fields@tiptonlakes.com.

Tipton Lakes Community Association Board and Staff

Mission statement:

The mission of the association is to promote an attractive environment where people will want to reside. This is accomplished through community involvement in landscaping and lake maintenance, architectural review, rules enforcement, effective communication and community interaction. Through this effort, the association supports each resident's desire to protect their property value.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Association Staff, we would like to welcome you to Tipton Lakes. We hope you are enjoying your new home and your new community.

By this time, you should have received information about our digital “Green Book”, the complete set of Governing Documents of Tipton Lakes Community Association. These documents explain your membership and the other aspects of your Community Association. All members, including renters, must abide by the provisions of these documents. In addition, you should have received a welcome bag with additional information and goodies.

Take time to stop by the Association office located at the Marina to meet the staff. We want to get to know you and your family. Once again, welcome to Tipton Lakes. The Board and staff are here to help make life at Tipton Lakes more enjoyable. If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions, feel free to contact us at the Association office, 812-342-8522 or at welcome@tiptonlakes.com. Please do get involved in your association.

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2026 Cluster Committee Elections by Mail

Cluster Committee elections will be held by mail prior to the 2026 Annual Meeting. Cluster elections will include the following areas:

Bittersweet Woods, Blackhawk, Butternut Pond, Carya Square, Fontana, Greystone, Harrison Green, Harrison Ridge, Heron Cove, Horizon West, Lexington Green, Mallard Point, Northlake Shores, Northlake Woods, Oakbrook, Oak Ridge, Pintail Landing, Pintail Point, Shadow Bay, Shoreview, Spring Hill, Stonebridge, The Preserve, Timber Ridge, Turtle Bay, Waterside, Winterberry Place, Westbrook, Westlake Hills, Westlake Park and Woodcrest Villas.

Often times, the Board relies on Cluster Committee input on various issues including budgets, common area maintenance and neighborhood gatherings. We are excited to continually reinforce the significance of member involvement. Without you, the Association could not run in a smooth and organized manner.

Please consider serving on your Cluster Committee. Nominations are due by March 6. Please use the nomination form included on page 14. Check with the individual(s) you nominate to be sure that he/she is willing to serve prior to his/her nomination.

All members will receive a packet of information prior to the Annual Meeting. Cluster Committee ballots will be included in this packet of information and should be returned to the Association Office PRIOR TO APRIL 13, 2026.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL!

Tipton Lakes Community Association 2026 Annual Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7 p.m.
Westside Community Church
124 Tipton Lakes Blvd.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a reception.
Refreshments will be served.

Running for the Board

Do I have what it takes?

If you're considering running for the Board, we ask that you take a few moments to ask yourself the following three questions:

Do I have the time?

As a board member, you will need to devote a couple of hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular board and committee meetings, you will need to be active in email discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on association business. Some board members may also spend a little more time than others if they work with a committee.

Can I make tough decisions when it's required?

The primary role of the board is to conduct the business of the association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget, but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors and make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

Can I do all this and have fun too?

It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it, and establishing and maintaining a sense of community is a part of a board member's responsibility. Planning and attending functions such as our social events and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

Being a board member can be frustrating at times, but it may also be one of the most rewarding ways you'll find to volunteer your time. If you're interested in running for the board or would like more details about board responsibilities, please contact the Executive Director or a current board member.



TIPTON LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Nominations For Board Election: (3 vacancies for 3-year terms)

I nominate: _____

For Committee Elections in my Cluster: (3 vacancies for 1-year terms)

My Cluster: _____

I nominate: _____

It is not necessary to fill in a name on each line to make a nomination.

Please consult with your nominee(s) to be assured there is an interest and willingness to serve if elected.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 6, 2026.

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Submit your nominations by email
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*Please fill out the form above, and send it to one of the above addresses by March 6, 2026.
For more information on board responsibilities please contact the executive director or a current board member.*



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What is a Quorum, and why is it important?

A quorum is the minimum number of owners who must be at a meeting before business can be transacted. Our Governing Documents tells us what that minimum number is for our association. It's relatively low, but we still have a tough time getting to it. It's a common problem in many associations.

Meetings that don't have a quorum must be adjourned and rescheduled at a later date. This costs the association money and creates more work. And, achieving a quorum at a second meeting—if we couldn't get one the first time—is even harder.

So, why bother to try again? Because the board is legally obligated to conduct an annual meeting. It's an important part of conducting association business. During the annual meeting, new board members are elected. No quorum—no election. This means the current directors will have to continue serving until an election can be conducted or serve until they resign and the Board will appoint new directors.

Good news: You can be “at” a meeting and be across the country at the same time by signing a proxy! That's how you assign your vote, in writing, to another person. Proxies count toward the quorum, so they're very important to the association.

We ask you to complete a proxy form, even if you plan to attend the meeting. That's just in case something comes up that prevents you from attending.

Without a quorum, we can't do business, and eventually that affects you, the homeowner.



Annual TLCA Garage Sale

Dates set for June 5 and 6

The Annual Tipton Lakes Garage Sale will be held June 5 and 6.

Start cleaning out those closets and garages and setting aside items that you can sell. As in prior years, the Association will place an ad in The Republic. If you would like to be included in the ad, please call the Association Office at 812-342-8522 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29th with your information. Garage Sale information will also be posted directly outside the Association Office so others can be well informed of your location and participation!

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Save the Dates

Mark Your 2026 Calendars!

All dates and events are subject to change.

Please check our website, www.tiptonlakes.com prior to each event.

The Community Relations Committee is organizing another active year of social opportunities in 2026. Here's just a few to jot down on your calendar and SAVE THE DATES. More details will be made available as final plans are made for the events, or please call the Association Office at 812-342-8522 for up-to-date information.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 4, 1 P.M.

Mark your calendars! The Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Tipton Lakes residents will be Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m. Grandparents, if you have out of town family visiting, this event is fun entertainment for the grandkids!

Please bring six eggs filled with store wrapped candy for each child participating in the activity to the Association Office no later than Friday, April 3.

APRIL 13, 7 P.M.

Tipton Lakes Community Association 2026 Annual

Meeting | The meeting will be held at Westside Community Church, 124 Tipton Lakes Blvd. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a reception; refreshments will be served.

MAY 9 | MARINA OPENS FOR THE SEASON

MAY 16, 3 P.M.

Summer Kick Off | Last year's summer kick off went great and we are excited to continue it again this year. The event will take place at the Marina from 3:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, bounce houses, live music, face painting and more.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Tipton Lakes Annual Garage Sale | Call the Association

Office no later than May 29 to include your address on the Garage Sale ad.

JUNE 13, 9 A.M.

Kids Fishing Fun Day (Sponsored by Jeremy Pushor of JS&S

Boat Storage) | Bring your young children or grandchildren ages 6-12 for this fun fishing event. The objective is to introduce children to the exciting world of fishing. There is no fee for the event, however, please call the Association Office at 812-342-8522 or email chastity.fields@tiptonlakes.com to let us know if you plan to attend.

JUNE 26

Winedown at the Marina (Sponsored by Jeremy Pushor of Pushor Builders) | Join us for craft brews and gourmet pizza from Zwanzigs while catching up with your friends and neighbors.

AUGUST 8

Triathlon | Tipton Lakes Community will again be the host site for the annual triathlon on Saturday, August 8. TRI Columbus is organized by the Columbus Running Club and TRI-812. All proceeds benefit the running club's youth programs. If you are interested in volunteering or participating in the event, you can sign up at runcolumbus.org.

*Please note that the marina parking lot and boat ramp will be closed during the event.

SEPTEMBER 6, 6 P.M.

Labor Day Celebration | Tipton Lakes Marina —

Parade at 6 p.m. and Fireworks at 9 p.m.!!

*See page 23 for more details.

**Please note that the marina parking lot and boat ramp will be closed during the event.

OCTOBER 3

Movie at the Marnia | This is a new event we are excited to introduce in 2026. Be on the lookout for updated information.

DECEMBER 5, 9 A.M.

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Design Review Process at Tipton Lakes

A key component to the success of the Association's ability to uphold our Mission is the Design Review process.

Section 3.02(iv) of the Association's Declaration provides, "Another purpose of the Association is to regulate design and construction throughout the Common Areas and Properties during the initial development stages and afterwards, in order to promote a high quality, aesthetically pleasing, architecturally sound environment and to generally maintain and enhance property values throughout the Properties."

Many, who built their homes here, are introduced to the Design Process during new construction. Complete plans are presented for approval prior to construction. Once the home design is approved and the home is built, all exterior changes require approval of the Design Review Committee (DRC); which is administered by Tipton Lakes Community Association.

The Association has attempted to streamline the Design Review process and avoid creating unnecessary paperwork. However, contemplated improvements must be approved by the DRC prior to construction. In order to aid the Association and its members with this process, the Association developed a set of Design Review Guidelines. In preparing these Guidelines, the Association leaned heavily on the experience of more mature planned communities. Each section was added because of a challenging area that developed in an existing association. Our intention was for The Guidelines not to be viewed as limiting our members' freedom to act, but viewed as the best means available to protect property values.

The following are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions:

What is the Design Review Committee?

The Design Review Committee is a standing Committee of the Association's as outlined in the Governing Documents. The Committee's duties include: "Review and approve, modify or disapprove, within forty-five days, all written applications of Owners and of the Association for improvements or additions to Lots, Living units or Common Areas." The work of this important Committee of the Association aids in the establishment and maintenance of high quality design standards for structures and landscaping throughout our community.

What types of projects are considered exterior modifications?

An exterior modification includes any change to the home or the landscaping (outside of existing beds). Examples include but are not limited to: exterior painting, decks, roof replacement, room additions, landscape additions, tree removals, and swimming pools.

How do I obtain approval for my project?

The first step is to complete an Application for Modification. The form is available at the Association Office or via the Internet at www.tiptonlakes.com. Complete the form and attach photos, scale drawings, and sample materials as required and described as part of the application process.

When does the Design Review Committee meet?

The Committee meets during the second week of every month. All applications received by the first Monday of the month are guaranteed review at that month's meeting as long as all required materials are submitted with the application. The winter season generally sees less activity than the spring, summer, and fall seasons. If you are planning an upcoming project, now is a great time to get your project approved by the Committee. Approvals are valid for up to one year from the date of approval.

Who can I call with questions about my project?

The Association Staff is available to assist you with completing your application. Chastity Fields administers the application process for the members. She is available to answer your questions and assist you through the application process. Chastity can be reached at the Association Office by calling 812-342-8522 or by email at chastity.fields@tiptonlakes.com

If you are considering a change to the exterior of your home or property, have reviewed the Guidelines and have lingering questions, our best advice is to contact the Association Office for assistance. We will make every effort to assist you through the process, answer your questions and provide feedback in a timely manner. The Association strives to provide assistance that minimizes confusion or frustration as we partner with our members to uphold our Mission.



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Tipton's Top Ten List

The ten items listed below are a friendly reminder of often over-looked rules or maintenance items within Tipton Lakes.

1. Exterior changes to your home require a design review application.

The form is available at the Association Office or via the Internet at www.tiptonlakes.com. Complete the form and attach photos, scale drawings, and sample materials as required and described as part of the application process.

2. Trampolines require a design review application.

The application must show the equipment in the back yard and not visible from the street or the lake. Inside storage during off-season months is strongly encouraged. The form is available at the Association Office or via the Internet at www.tiptonlakes.com.

3. Please pick up your pet waste.

Pet waste should not be left along walk paths or in common areas, the marina, or park areas. Please remove and properly dispose of pet waste.

4. Christmas lights should be down and put away for the year.

Christmas lights are temporary exterior decorative objects. They should be removed within two months following January 1.

5. Trash toters should not be visible from the street.

Trash toters should be stored out of sight, such as in a garage or screened from view, when not in use. Please do not leave your toter out where it can be easily seen from the street view of your home. The Association regularly inspects the property for toter violations. Members will receive a violation notice if the toter is not stored properly.

6. Chickens are not allowed in Tipton Lakes.

No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot or in the Common Areas, except that of dogs, cats, or customary household pets.

7. Your grass and landscape beds should be maintained weekly. If you are going to be out of town for more than a week, please make arrangements for maintenance.

Owner shall promptly perform all maintenance and repair within his own Lot and on the adjacent road right-of-way. Each Lot shall be maintained neat and clean and free of paper, trash, uncut weeds or unsightly growth or other debris.



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Exterior paint that has faded or is peeling.

If selecting a new paint color, external color schemes are subject to review and Approval by the Design Review Committee.

9

Exterior of home needs power washed.

The Owner shall maintain the Lot in such a manner as to prevent the Lot from becoming unsightly and specifically, such Owner shall prevent any condition that tends to detract from or diminish the aesthetic appearance of the Lot.

10.

Properties that have dead trees.

The Owner shall maintain the Lot in such a manner as to prevent the Lot from becoming unsightly and specifically, such Owner shall cut down and remove dead trees. Removal of trees requires a design review application.

Fireworks in September?



In September 2025 the Association sent out a survey asking for your input on Fourth of July or Labor Day fireworks. The majority vote was to keep it on Labor Day weekend. We appreciate those that gave your input and are excited for this year's event.

Tipton Lakes Community Association has a Community Relations Committee that meets in January of every year to determine the upcoming year's events. The Fourth of July celebration is always a tough one to schedule. The Community Relations Committee takes many things into account when making the yearly event calendar. This, likely permanent, change has been based on the following:

- ◆ It gives families the opportunity to enjoy other firework displays in the community that are held over the Fourth of July.
- ◆ Families that leave town for vacation the week of July 4 and are not home to enjoy the fireworks.
- ◆ The weather is usually more enjoyable. The temperature is cooler and less humid.
- ◆ In September it gets dark earlier so families aren't out as late.
- ◆ Having them on a set date (the Sunday before Labor Day) makes for easy scheduling every year.
- ◆ The Labor Day weekend is a great end to hopefully a fun filled summer for our families.





Now Hiring!

Looking for a Marina Manager

Tipton Lakes Community Association is hiring a Marina Manager for 2026. This will be a seasonal position from mid-April until the first weekend in October. The hours will include nights and weekends. This is a salary position with no benefits.

Marina Manager Duties Include:

SUPERVISORY

- ◆ Hire, train and supervise all seasonal marina staff. Organize and provide operations and safety training to all marina staff. This includes a minimum of one shift of shadowing before new employees are eligible to be placed on the schedule.
- ◆ Issue keys and marina shirts to all seasonal staff.
- ◆ Determine shift responsibilities list and monitor successful completion.
- ◆ Schedule staff for Marina coverage during operating hours as set by the Lake Maintenance Committee.
- ◆ Review timecards.
- ◆ Cover for Marina Staff that call in sick or do not show up for work.
- ◆ Coordinate repairs of Association owned boats and equipment by outside contractors as needed.
- ◆ Coordinate and participate in taking Association boats out of storage at the beginning of the season and returning to storage at the end of the season.
- ◆ Inventory and give list of needed supplies to the Executive Director.
- ◆ Manage reservations and PayPal.
- ◆ Implement policies as set by the Board.

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- ◆ Facilitate group reservations for outdoor and indoor areas in conjunction with the Office.
- ◆ Sell boat permits, trailer permits, pool passes, etc. in conjunction with the Office.
- ◆ Take reservations and rent boats to Association members.
- ◆ Facilitate dock and t-rack rental, assigning docks and collecting fees.
- ◆ Provide emergency service to members as needed including (but not limited to) towing disabled boats and pumping excessive water from member owned boats docked at the Marina.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

- ◆ Work from a Marina Staff Responsibilities List in completing necessary duties to assure cleanliness of the Marina and Association Office areas including lower level, docks, beach, picnic areas, patio, and parking areas.
- ◆ Provide general upkeep of Association owned boats and equipment.

MONITORING LAKES AND MARINA AREA

- ◆ Monitor lake-use by members and attempted lake use by non-members, enforcing Board policy.
- ◆ Audit boats and other watercraft items for current sticker.
- ◆ Monitor lakes for debris and weed problems.

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Now Hiring!

Looking for 2026 Marina Staff

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Marina Staff Duties Include:

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- ◆ Answer the phone and greet customers as they approach the marina.
- ◆ Sell pool passes and process rental payments.
- ◆ Take reservations and rent boats.
- ◆ Provide emergency service to members as needed including (but not limited to) towing disabled boats and pumping excessive water from member owned boats docked at the Marina.

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We are looking for energetic, hardworking, and friendly individuals who want to earn some extra money. If you or someone you know might be interested, please come by the Association office, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and fill out an application. Deadline to submit an application is March 31.



Lake Treatment Dates

Due to the continued algae in the lake, the Tipton Lakes Community Association Board of Directors at the recommendation of the Lake Committee and Finance Committee approved to continue with the three extra scheduled lake treatments by Aquatic Control in the months of June, July, and August.

Watch for red buoys indicating a lake treatment has been performed. When red buoys are out on the water, swimming is prohibited. Below are the expected treatment dates for 2026.*

April

Monday, April 13

May

Monday, May 11

June

Monday, June 1
Monday, June 15
Monday, June 29

July

Monday, July 13
Monday, July 27

August

Monday, August 10
Monday, August 24

September

Monday, September 14

**Treatment dates are subject to change based on the condition of the lake.*



2026 Holiday Lights Contest Winners

This year's winners were given a gift card as a small token of our appreciation for making the holiday season more festive with their lighting efforts.

MOST LIGHTS

973 Westview Point Drive

MOST ORIGINAL

988 Westcreek Drive

MOST TRADITIONAL

6092 Basswood Drive

MOST FESTIVE

6127 Horizon Drive

Thanks to all the homeowners who made Tipton Lakes a little brighter this Holiday Season.



Take your best shot!

Please consider submitting your photographs of our community for possible publication.

Calling all photographers. There are so many possible photographs of our community. We know they are out there, and you are out there taking them. Please consider sharing your "gems" with your neighbors. Attach and email your photograph to chastity.fields@tiptonlakes.com. We will periodically choose photographs to include in our Association publications such as our magazine, website, welcome materials, etc. And, of course, you will be given credit for your photograph (if you'd like).





Tipton Lakes Tidbits

The Association Office doesn't arrange for your street, driveway, sidewalk, or walk paths to be cleared of snow and debris.

With the large amount of snowfall early this year, many residents called regarding snow removal. Almost all streets in Tipton are city streets which means the city is responsible for clearing them after snow accumulation. For liability reasons, walk paths are not cleared. As for your personal driveways and sidewalks, the Association Office has a list of people to call that can fit your individual needs.

Sidewalks and curbs are the responsibility of the homeowners.

According to Columbus City Code, sidewalks and curbs are the property owner's responsibility. Any needed sidewalk or curb repairs would be done on an individual basis. The City of Columbus has a shared cost sidewalk and curb reimbursement program to help offset the cost of repairs. The City of Columbus will reimburse \$6 per square foot of sidewalk and \$50 per linear foot of curb. The application for this program can be found at www.columbus.in.gov/engineering under the forms tab.





Important News!

Credit cards now accepted!

The Association Office has just made making payments easier than ever!

We now accept credit and debit cards for HOA payments whether over the phone or in person.

Please note: A small convenience fee may apply, depending on your financial institution.

This is not a mandatory option, but we wanted to make sure you're aware that it's available for quick and easy payments.

If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call at 812-342-8522. We're happy to help!

Are you receiving our emails?

If not, you are missing out on important information. Please send an email to welcomed@tiptonlakes.com and visit our website to register for the directory and our email distribution list.

Emails contain important news and events at Tipton Lakes. Email communication is cost effective and timely.

We're on Facebook!

Follow us on Facebook for updates and event information.



Mailbox flyers

It is against the law to post anything on a mailbox!

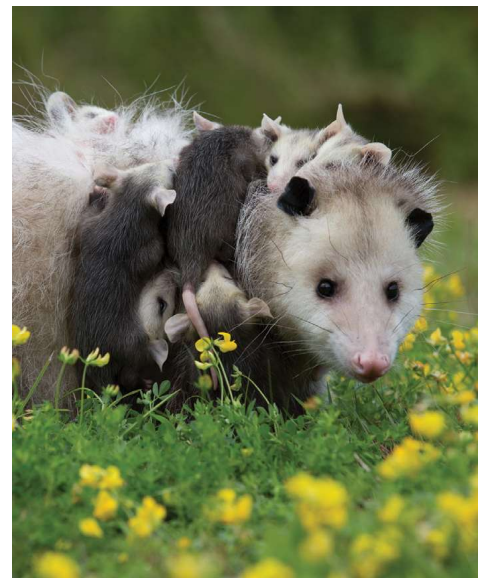
"No part of a mail receptacle may be used to deliver any matter not bearing postage, including items or matter placed upon, supported by, attached to, hung from or inserted into a mail receptacle. Any mailable matter not bearing postage and found as described above is subject to the same postage as would be paid if it were carried by mail."

Source: faq.usps.com/s/article/Restrictions-for-attaching-flyers-posters-etc-to-a-mailbox

If a flyer is placed on a Tipton Lakes mailbox and it is damaged when it is removed, the person or company that hung the notice will be charged for painting the mailbox.

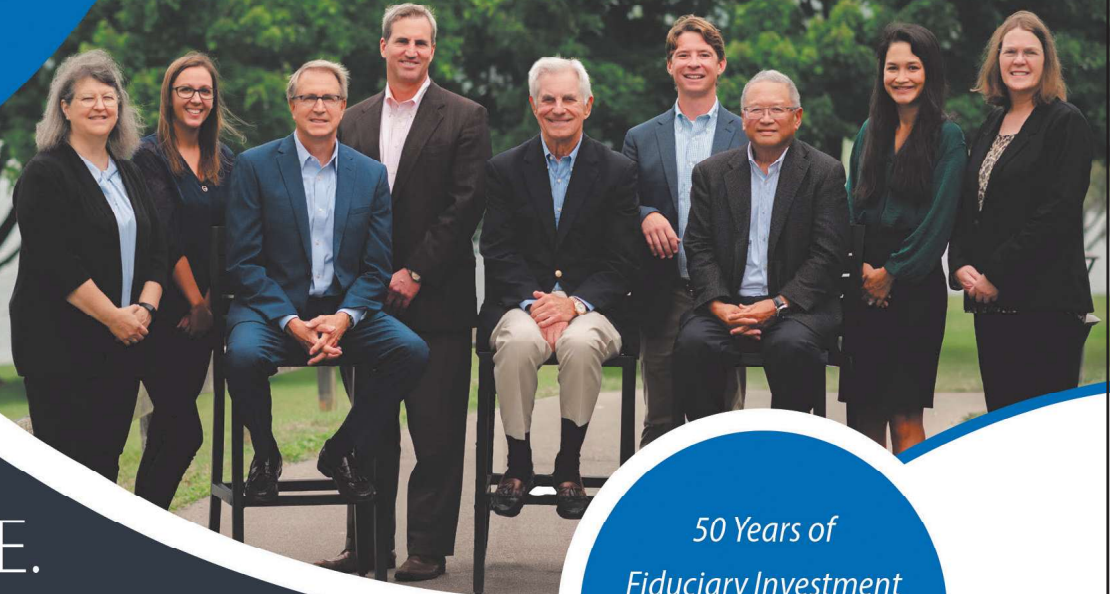
Animal Control

One of the things that makes Tipton Lakes so special is the abundance of wildlife and natural areas. However, it's important to remember that animals in the wild don't live forever. If you come across a deceased animal, whether on common grounds or your own property, please contact Animal Control at 812-376-2505 for removal.





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