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Laketown Neighborhood Association

# Laketown Neighborhood Association Meetings 2024

## Laketown Board Meetings

Concordia Lutheran Church (basement)

2300 Wilshire Road, Springfield IL

4th Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm-8:00pm, January through October

## Mark Your Calendar

The annual **Laketown Area-wide Garage Sale** will be on **Saturday, June 8, 2024**. Our rain date is **6/15/2024**.

We will post signs advertising this event at various locations around the neighborhood.

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## Laketown Big Item Pickup

Laketown will again have a big item pickup following our area-wide garage sale. The pickup dates are scheduled for **Monday, June 17-Friday June 21, 2024**. Items for pickup must be in front of your house by 6:00am on Monday morning. Your pickup area cannot exceed a 10x10 square on the curb of your property. **No** box springs, mattresses, appliances, paint, stain or tires will be accepted. **No** cardboard, yard waste, or electronics of any kind.

Anyone outside of Laketown bringing in materials for pickup will cause the homeowner where this occurs to be fined.

**Thank you Woodside Township!**

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## Get Ready for the 2024 Curb Appeal Contest!

Join your neighbors in showing off the beauty of your home or garden! All Laketown residents are eligible to participate. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded and winners will get a sign posted in their yard (bragging rights)! Judging will take place on **June 23, 2024**



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## Neighborhood Notes & Reminders

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**Please** bag, burn, or remove leaves from last fall. Not cleaning them up detracts from the beauty of our neighborhood. For Safety Reasons, PLEASE do not discard grass clippings from the lawn mower into the street. This is dangerous for traffic and pedestrians. Wet grass/leaves and wet asphalt pavements do not mix!

**Burning:** Is allowed every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:00am until dusk. Burning is NOT allowed on holidays. Leaves and yard waste ONLY. Garbage or anything that produces black smoke should not be allowed. To report someone in violation, contact Sangamon County Sheriff's Department (non-emergency), 217-753-6666. PLEASE NOTE: Branch pickup is the 3rd Monday every month.

**Stickers for Leaf Pickup** or excess refuse may be purchased at True Value on Stevenson Drive

**Please refrain from parking your automobile in your front yard.**

**Trash Cans:** On trash pick-up days, your trash cans should be moved home-side and off the street after your trash pickup.

**A Note on Safety:** If you see something, say something! Please report criminal activity to the Sangamon County Sheriff.

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## New To Our Area? What is Laketown Association?

### A Little About Us

The present Association was founded in 1980 and has been effective for many years since. Neighborhood associations are successful when neighbors share dreams and visions, when they feel empowered to pursue shared goals, and when they are active in pursuing them. If you live in Laketown, but have not been a part of that process, please consider becoming a member and be a part of continuing to make Laketown a great place to live. We invite you to become a member of the Association, and are looking for individuals who want to be a part of improving our community and who have creative ideas to engage others.

### **What is the Laketown Association?**

The Association is formed of residents, businesses, churches, and other members who work for the improvement of the neighborhood known as "Laketown". Our boundaries are Westlake Dr, Stevenson Dr, the railroad on our west border, and I-55/I-72 on the south. Neighborhood improvement shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the promotion of public safety, the fostering of a positive environment, the encouragement of mutually beneficial social activities, and the preservation and beautification of the neighborhood character and environment.

### **Who can become a Member?**

Membership in the Association shall be open to all adult residents of Laketown, non-resident property owners of residential property, and businesses, corporations, partnerships, and not-for-profit corporations located in or near Laketown, supportive of the purpose of the Association.

### **How are membership dues used?**

- \* Spring and Fall Area Wide Garage Sale advertising and signs
- \* Printing and mailing newsletters to Laketown homes
- \* Annual area-wide clean up days
- \* Curb appeal contest with awards
- \* Holiday Lights contest with awards
- \* National Night Out activities
- \* Easter activities for our kids
- \* Neighborhood Watch Activities & More

**We Love Our Fur Babies!** Keep our neighborhood and our fur babies safe. Be kind and responsible pet owners and curb your pets when outside of the yard. Practice good manners when walking and remember that Springfield IL Code of Ordinances do apply in Laketown.

### *Animal Rescue Donations*

We as a board would like to meet with you, as well as any other people who have a sincere desire to improve pet rescue efforts beyond what is currently being provided. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at Concordia Luther Church, 2300 Wilshire Rd at 6pm.** Won't you join us? Please contact our president, Ken Elmore at 217-414-9917 or [elmorekb1@gmail.com](mailto:elmorekb1@gmail.com) if you have questions.

### **2024 Laketown Dues & Donation Notice**

We are still accepting donations for the dog and cat rescue programs in our area. Your donation amount can be added to your annual dues payment using the membership form below. When writing your check to pay membership dues, please make a notation of the amount of your donation.

**For example:** *Dues Residential \$20.00 + \$15.00 animal rescue donation, then write your check total for \$35.00*

## **2024 Laketown Association Membership Form**

The membership year begins in December. Membership dues are paid annually.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Made payable to:

**Laketown Association  
PO Box 2543  
Springfield IL, 62708**

### **Membership dues:**

*Please circle one!!*

Residential

\$ 20.00

Seniors 65 or older

\$15.00

Business

\$ 35.00

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **Important Reference Numbers and Websites**

**Animal Control**  
[www.co.sangamon.il.us](http://www.co.sangamon.il.us)

217-535-3065

**Department of Public Health** 217-535-3100  
[www.scdph.org](http://www.scdph.org)

**Animal Registration**  
[www.co.sangamon.il.us](http://www.co.sangamon.il.us)

217-535-3101

**Ameren** 800-755-5000  
[www.ameren.com](http://www.ameren.com)

**Sangamon County Sheriff**  
217-753-6666 (non-emergency)  
[www.sangamoncounty-sheriff.com](http://www.sangamoncounty-sheriff.com)

**CWLP Electric Service** 217-789-2323  
(Emergencies/Outages)

**Property Tax Information** 217-747-5180  
[tax.co.sangamon.il.us](http://tax.co.sangamon.il.us)

Report trees in conflict with power lines  
217-789-2121

**Woodside Township** 217-522-3712

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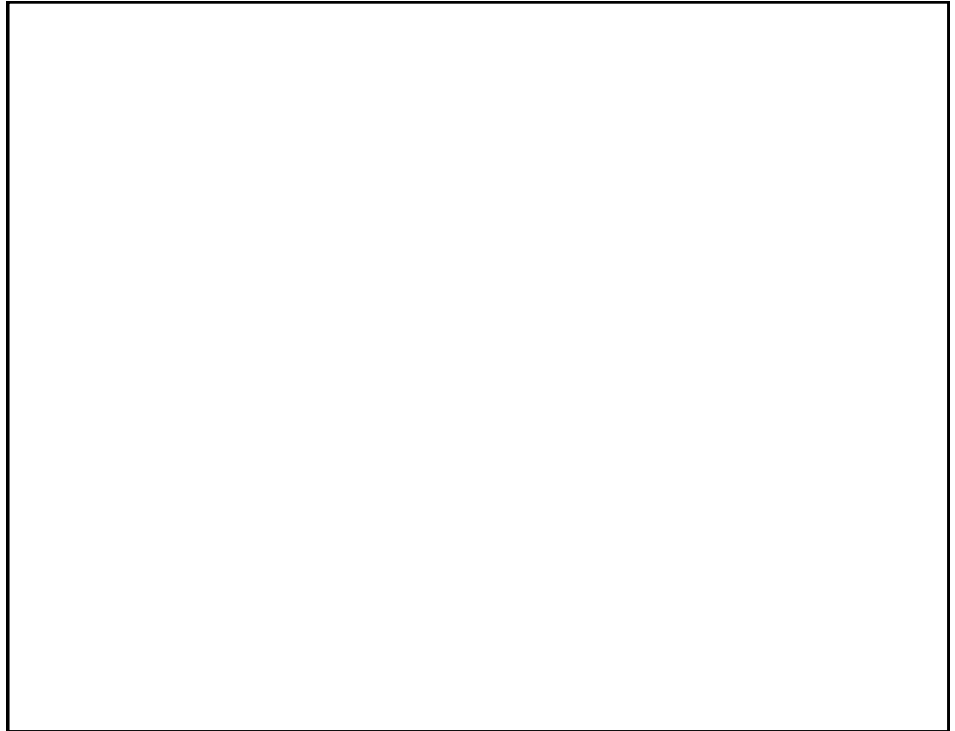
**Sangamon County Code of Ordinances**  
[www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com)

**2024 Laketown Association Board  
Officers**

Ken Elmore - President  
VACANT – Vice President  
Melanie Trimm – Secretary  
Pat Haynes – Treasurer

**Laketown Association Board  
Members**

Vicki Jones  
Brad Skinner  
Diana Celano  
Trevor Cottle  
Betsy Elmore



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***Drainage Ditch Cleaning and Maintenance***

Drainage issues cost heavily! Consider the labor, machinery, time and money spent for Woodside to clean out the drainage ditches. They clean it and residents fill it back up. Woodside did a lot of work on this project last year and will be cleaning them all out as an ongoing project. **PLEASE NOTE:** Per ILCS Sec. 605 5/9-118: ...Cuttings... Woodside Township can fine residents \$50-\$500.

Anyone who continues to disrupt the free flow of water in the ditches could be fined \$50-\$500 per occurrence by Woodside Township. Please do your part to keep the ditch on your property free of debris, lawn cuttings, and burn residue. If you put stuff in there, it is your responsibility to clean it out. Please clean out debris that you have allowed to accumulate in your ditch. After Woodside has completed the cleanout project, please keep these draining ditches open moving forward.

**Volunteer Needed**

Are you talented in IT and have a little time to spare? Laketown Neighborhood Association is in need of a volunteer to assist with computer-related issues. Please let us know if you have time and expertise to help us out.

**Let Us Know Your Thoughts**

As you may have heard, District 186 has voted to combine Laketown Elementary School and Hazel Dell School at a new location. The District has asked for our thoughts/suggestions on what should be done with the Laketown Elementary School property after it has been vacated. Your opinions matter. Please reach out to your Neighborhood Association Board Officers and Board Members on Facebook, NextDoor, or by contacting our President, Ken Elmore at 217-414-9917.

*A good neighbor is a fellow who smiles at you over the back fence, but doesn't climb over it.*

*-Arthur Baer*