

# ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

October 2021

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, October 19th – Breakfast with Village Officials (seniors 65+) in the Wilshire Green Clubhouse – see the flyer for RSVP information
- Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 pm – IHP Women’s Club – Village Hall – masks required
- Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 3:00 - 7:00 pm – Halloween Trick or Treating

### Acacia Events/Reminders:

- October 20<sup>th</sup> – last day to turn in Service Requests
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – all gazebos, sunshades, etc. must be removed
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 pm – Bunco at the Acacia Clubhouse – masks required
- November 5<sup>th</sup> – Food Drive in front of the Clubhouse – 8am – 6pm
- November 25th and November 26th – Acacia Office and Maintenance closed for Thanksgiving

### Reminders:

**Masks are required in the clubhouse** – please make sure you put one on and that it covers your mouth and nose **before** you enter the building.

Acacia Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30-11:45, 12:15-3:30

ALCC forms and Service Request forms are available on the Acacia website.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7pm in the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting  
October 12, 2021**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, October 12, 2021 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

Directors in attendance were: Pres. Eckert, V.P. Kalinoski, Polacek, Boyd, Consolo, Kwiatek, and Voyles.

Directors absent: McMillin

Approval of Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Polacek, Kwiatek. 7/0/1 Motion passed.

**Homeowners' comments/questions:** Edita from Elmwood asked why the pickle ball court lighting is not on the same timer as the pool. The board responded that the pool lights are for security as well as safety for people at the parks. The courts light fixtures need to be replaced and the crew does not have the equipment necessary to replace them. Bids are being obtained at this time for the fixture replacement. The board said the fixtures will be replaced in the spring. Edita asked about the gate on the west side of tennis courts – it currently can't be used because the lock is broken – this will be replaced in the spring. She also asked about the practice backboard – this was removed because it had rotted and it will be replaced in the spring. Edita also asked about the number of mushrooms in the park on the way to the courts. The board responded that Maintenance will take a look at this issue. Edita asked about cars in the parking lot and who is allowed to park overnight. The board said that residents and their visitors can park there as long as the vehicles are operable and moved regularly. Edita asked if employees are allowed to park cars there overnight. The board said with their permission that this is allowed. Edita stated that the weeds this year are worse than in previous years. Joe and Jose explained the weed and trim cycle starts at a different area each spring and once the whole property has been completed the crew starts from the beginning again as long as time permits. Edita asked about trees that were removed from Elmwood and why 1 dead tree was left. It was explained that Acacia has to contract out to remove trees that have to be taken down by going up in the tree. This is according to OSHA guidelines. The tree left is on the list for the Acacia crew to remove because this one can be removed from the ground.

**Treasurer's Report: John Polacek:** For September 2021, the Acacia Association Treasurer's Report shows:

Assessment Collection	\$82,895		
Other Sources	\$ 1,303	Total Collection	\$ 84,198
Total Expenses			\$ 99,950
Net Ordinary Income			\$ -15,752
Capital Reserve Expenditures			\$ 46,171

Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 6,000
Net Income	\$ -67,923

We are now spending some of our Operating Reserves to balance the expenditures. This is normal every year.

As of September 30, 2021, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$8,131. 20 of 387 members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. The previous month, 11 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

As of September 30, 2021, 243 members use the ACH, automatic bank withdrawal. ACH insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. ACH also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 63% of Acacia Homeowners use it. Join the crowd! There really are no dangers. Acacia withdraws only the Assessment on the 20th of the month. If there are other charges, you receive a separate statement. When members do not pay on time, there is a cost of collection. Therefore, a \$25 fee is charged the first time you are late escalating to \$50 thereafter. Avoid those charges with ACH.

Overall, we are in good financial condition.

We have two funds –	Reserve Fund	\$238,107
	Operating Fund	<u>\$567,372</u>
	Total	\$805,479

I move that we accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Polacek, Boyd 7/0/1 Motion passed.

**Clubhouse Director’s Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek:** There was 1 clubhouse rental in the month of September.

Our first Bunco night was held on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turn out and everyone had a nice time. Three players won money prizes. All were wearing masks and following safety guidelines of the CDC. Our next Bunco night will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. All are invited to come and play. If you are new to Bunco and don't know how to play, we will gladly teach you. Remember to bring your own beverage and \$5 for the prize money.

**Recreation Facilities Director’s Report: Amy Eckert:** The courts will be closed on November 1<sup>st</sup> for the season. The practice back board was removed and will be replaced in the spring. We are waiting for a contractor to schedule a time to look at the lights and see what needs to be done – replace them or just new bulbs – either way we do not have the necessary equipment to do this job in house.

