

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 19th – 4:30 pm – IHP Women’s Club – Village Hall – masks required
- Sunday, October 31st – 3:00 - 7:00 pm – Halloween Trick or Treating

Acacia Events/Reminders:

- October 20th – last day to turn in Service Requests
- November 1st – all gazebos, sunshades, etc. must be removed
- November 2nd – 6:30 pm – Bunco at the Acacia Clubhouse – masks required
- November 5th – 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 5th. 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. 2nd. 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 1st 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.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Joe Consolo: Since the last board meeting, we completed 32 grounds service requests. We continued the grounds trimming cycle.

The end of the year crew party was held on October 1, 2021.

We purchased \$251.99 in gas for the mowers and carts, and we purchased \$177.27 in gas for the truck.

Bids are being obtained for waste hauling.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Ben Boyd:

- Completed 14 Townhome service requests.
- Picked up seasonal needs at Menards and Home Depot.
- Oversaw continuation of paint cycle.
- Power washing completed for paint cycle.
- Carpenters are currently at 8 through 18 Stonehearth.
- Stucco crew is finishing 20 through 26 Stonehearth.
- Painters are currently at 13 Stonehearth to 167 Cascade.
- Parking lot sealcoating will be completed weather permitting 10/10/21.

Joe asked for an update on the coping. Ben said that it should start within 2 weeks. They are waiting for more houses to be completed on the paint cycle. Amy asked how many buildings are left to be painted on the paint cycle. Jose said 4 or 5 buildings still need to be completed.

Village Relations Director's Report: Sharon Kalinoski: There have been no Village Board meetings since the last Acacia meeting, so this report is general IHP news. As of Oct. 11, Covid cases in town increased by 9 since early Sept., to 344 total reported cases according to Cook County Dept. Of Public Health.

There will be a free Senior Citizen (age 65+) continental breakfast hosted by the mayor at the Wilshire Green Clubhouse, 115 Acacia Dr., on Tues. Oct. 19 from 830am to 10AM. Call 708-246-3080 to RSVP.

The next meeting of the IHP Woman's Club is Tues. Oct. 19 at 430pm, inside the Village Hall. Masks required. The club president will do a presentation about a trip to Africa.

The IHP library is located in an old farmhouse at 6250 S. Wolf Rd. It is staffed entirely by volunteers. Hours are Saturdays 10am to 3pm and Sunday's noon to 3pm. There is a large selection of donated books and jigsaw puzzles for checkout, and many books and DVDs for sale at low prices.

Want to help the monarch butterflies? The Village Hall has milkweed and flower seed packets available. Also, the Acacia clubhouse has some milkweed seed pods harvested locally by Sharon. Plant them this fall before the frost.

Halloween is Sunday Oct. 31. Trick-or-treat hours are 3pm to 7pm.

The next Village Board meeting is Thursday Oct. 14 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Ben asked about the timeline of the Acacia Drive project. Amy responded that the plan is to have most of the south side completed before winter and that the final layer on the south and the north side will be done next year.

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report: Diane Voyles: For the month of September there were 9 requests for new projects and 7 inspections of completed projects. Three warning letters were sent.

Homeowners have noticed several cats roaming throughout Acacia and are concerned about them killing birds and other small animals. All cats and dogs must be leashed according to Indian Head Park and Acacia rules. It is also a village ordinance that owners are required to clean up after their pet. Anyone seen NOT removing their animal waste will be fined.

All gazebos, sails, sunscreens, etc. must be removed from decks and patios by November 1. Homeowners who have received warning letters in the past will not be given a 2nd warning.

Warnings and fines will be mailed on November 1.

Reminder for holiday decoration rules:

Halloween decorations must be removed by Nov. 8.

Fall decorations should be removed by the end of Thanksgiving weekend.

Christmas/winter decorations can be put up starting Thanksgiving weekend. If you would

like to put up ONLY lights, sooner while the weather is still good, that is allowed if you DO NOT TURN THEM ON until November 25 or after.

Welcome Baskets: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: No welcome baskets were delivered this month. If you have recently moved to Acacia and have not received a welcome basket, please call Peggy Rose at 708 505-4733.

Office Report: Amy Eckert: The office and shop will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for Thanksgiving.

Homeowner Forum: None.

New, Ongoing, or Other Business: There was discussion about animals being left out overnight. It was decided that this is a police or animal control issue. If you have concerns, that is who you should contact.

2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

As you all know, 2021 was an unusual and difficult year. Many supplies and items saw unusual increases that could not be predicted. The Board had also decided to go forward with the coping project and to have a lot of it paid for out of the Operational Reserves. This has led to an overage of expenses vs. income.

Examining the 2022 Preliminary Budget, we see a potential of \$123,867 overage in expenses vs. income with the depreciation removed. This is with a \$10.00 increase in the monthly assessment.

The Board will be working over the next few weeks to reduce the overage as much as possible in the final budget. The Board needs to vote on any assessment increase at the November Board Meeting and the Final Budget needs to be approved at the December Board Meeting.

For your information – some of the projected increases for 2022 include:

Payroll Expense	\$37,000
Scavenger	\$ 2,000
Professional. Tree Service	\$ 2,000
Painting Contractor	\$ 4,500
Coping Project	\$ 8,400
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 1,200
Vehicle Maintenance & Gas	\$ 1,800
Lumber	\$16,000
Grounds Equipment	\$ 6,100
Gas – Clubhouse	\$ 1,000
Pool Chemicals	\$ 1,600

Many other items may also increase as we get bids for services and supplies.

Motion to adjourn: Eckert, Kalinoski 7/0/1 Motion passed.



On Friday, October 1st the end of the year crew party was held in the great room.

Lunch was catered from Kombs Restaurant in La Grange – and it was delicious.



During the celebration the Board recognized the following crew members for their years of service to Acacia:

- Rueben Abrego – 29 years
- Mario Diaz – 27 years
- Chano Fulgencio – 22 years
- Pancho Martinez – 21 years
- Jose Antonio Ambriz – 20 years



Thank you to the crew for another safe and productive year.



Indian Head Park

Senior Citizen Breakfast

Hosted by Village President Tom Hinshaw

Who: Any IHP resident 65+

Where: Wilshire Green Clubhouse
115 Acacia Circle

When: Tuesday, October 19
8:30am-10:00am



Please RSVP by calling
708-246-3080

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Share Food Share Love Food Drive
November 5th 8am to 6 pm

Acacia will hold a food drive in front of the clubhouse on Friday, Nov. 5th from 8 am to 6 pm. Please drop off non-perishable food items as well as baby diapers and paper products. "Share Food Share Love" located in Brookfield is affiliated with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and provides food to residents of 15 villages in western Cook County.

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