

# ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

September 2021

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Events:

- September 18<sup>th</sup> - Pleasantview Fire Dept. Safety Day (on Plainfield Rd.) 10-1:00.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – Village of IHP car show 1:00 – 6:00 parking lot at Wolf and Joliet Rd.
- September 21<sup>st</sup> - The IHP Women's Club first meeting of the new club year at village hall, at 4:30pm. Come and meet our friendly group! We will discuss plans for monthly programs and events.
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – Movie and picnic in Blackhawk Park – movie, Luca – starts at dusk.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> – Bunco in the clubhouse at 6:30. More details in the minutes.

### 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.

The pool is closed for the season – **please remember to keep your ID** – you will need it to renew next year.

The courts are open – come out and enjoy playing on the new surfaces.

Outdoor signs except under special circumstances as ruled by the Board of Directors are prohibited. Children's sports signs are allowed only during that sports season. Contractor signs are allowed when work is being done on your home. Only during the day when they are working. Any sign should be close to the home and not in the way of the crew when doing any grounds or townhome work.

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, **October 12, 2021** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting  
September 14, 2021**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, September 14, 2021 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed to honor those impacted by September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001.

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

Directors absent: McMillin

A representative from Beary Landscaping gave a short presentation offering different proposals for weed control and mulch application in Acacia. The options are for common areas only and homeowners could potentially contract with Beary Landscaping to have similar work done on their private grounds.

Approval of Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Kwiatek, Kalinoski. 7/0/1 Motion passed.

**Homeowners' comments/questions:** Judy from Cascade suggested that there be an amount budgeted next year for the restoration and maintenance of the signs at the entrances to Acacia. The board will take this into consideration and see how the construction will impact these areas.

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

Assessment Collection	\$86,370		
Other Sources	\$2,126	Total Collection	\$ 88,496
Total Expenses			\$ 102,221
Net Ordinary Income			\$ -12,726
Capital Reserve Transfer			\$ 6,000
Net Income			\$ -18,726

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

As of August 31, 2021, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$6,918.

17 of 387 members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. The previous month, 10 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

As of August 31, 2021, 241 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. 62% 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	\$303,109
	Operating Fund	<u>\$590,985</u>
	Total	\$894,094

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

John stated that the committee creating the formal payment plan agreement is meeting to finalize the form next week and will then present it to the board.

**Clubhouse Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek:** There were 2 clubhouse rentals in the month of August.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, we held our first blood drive in Acacia's clubhouse. Nine people signed up ahead of time. 2 people had to cancel, but we had 2 walk-ins. The employees of Versiti Blood Centers of Illinois did a great job and made everyone feel comfortable. They brought some prizes for the people who donated. If you donated blood and didn't receive a prize, you can still pick one up in the office.

After discussion concerning cancellations of parties at the clubhouse, we will be giving the assigned party attendant the \$50.00 non-refundable deposit if the party is canceled within 2 weeks of the party date. If canceled outside of 2 weeks, \$25.00 of the deposit will go to the party attendant and \$25.00 will go to the clubhouse. Any cancellations due to Covid related issues, the \$50 deposit will be returned to the resident.

Bunco will be starting again in the clubhouse on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30. Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> will be our first bunco game night. For now, we will be wearing masks and following safety guidelines of the CDC. Please call the office with your name and email address if you would like to be included in the first bunco game of the season!

**Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert:** **Pool:** The pool is closed for the season – we had a great season and by the number of residents and guests visiting each day it was a popular place to be. We had a difficult time getting the chemicals needed to

