

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

July 2020

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acacia Garage Sale:

The Acacia Garage Sale will be Friday July, 24th and Saturday July, 25th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please call or email the office if you want to be included on the map of participants.

Guest Policy for Pool – Summer 2020

Beginning Monday July 20th guests will be allowed. Details included in the newsletter.

Reminders:

If you have not already, PLEASE complete your Census information.

Roof and deck repairs need ALCC approval if more than 10% of the roof or deck are being replaced.

You must have ALCC approval before any exterior work is performed. It may take up to 10 business days before approval is complete. PLEASE turn in all paperwork and deposit as soon as possible. Do not start any work until you have the approval.

Please remember that advertising signs are not allowed on common ground. Any contractor advertising sign on **common ground** will be removed and placed next to the dumpster by the clubhouse. A contractor may display their sign on your property (between the lamp post and your home) only while they are working during the day and must be taken down at night.

The only other signs that are allowed are for school and sports and they need to be close to the house and only during the sports season. Please have all graduation signs taken down by Labor Day.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **August 11, 2020** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting
July 14, 2020

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, July 14, 2020 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

Directors in attendance were: Pres. Eckert, Sec'y Brandush, Tres. Polacek, V.P. Kalinoski, McMillin, Boyd, Kwiatek, and Voyles.

Approval of Minutes of the June 9, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Eckert/Polacek.
8/0/0 Motion passed.

New board member, Joe Consolo was sworn in.

Home Owners comments/questions: Camille from Cascade had a question about chairs and tables at the pool. She also questioned the safety of the smoking section at the pool. The Recreation Committee responded they will meet to discuss these concerns.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek: On the Treasurer's Report Page, you can see that the Assessment Collection was \$90,179. With other sources of income, we show a Total Income for the month of \$92,753. Total Expenses were \$136,409.98 leaving a Net Ordinary Income of \$-43,657. We had a Capital Reserve transfer of \$6,000 leaving us with a Net Income of \$-49,657. We are now spending some of our Operating Reserves to balance the expenditures. This is normal every year.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$2,775.59. **11** members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. In May, 16 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

Currently 230 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. 59% 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 Balance and Operating Fund Balance. They now stand at:

Reserve Fund	\$216,816.72
Operating Fund	<u>\$814,459.25</u>
Total	\$1,031,275.97

The COVID-19 Pandemic will affect the activities and costs at Acacia but we do not have the details yet.

I move that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Polacek, McMillan 9/0/0
Motion passed.

Clubhouse Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: The clubhouse is now open during it's normal operating hours of 8:30 am to 3:30 pm (closed 11:45 to 12:15 for lunch). Face masks must be worn at all times in the clubhouse.

The clubhouse can now be rented for parties and gatherings of 50 people or less. We encourage face masks to be worn and social distancing during gatherings.

The Acacia wide garage sale is scheduled for July 24 and 25 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. All Acacia families are invited to join and sell their treasures. Please let the office know if you will be selling in the garage sale and give your address to be included in the map of sellers. Every house participating will receive maps for customers. Peggy Rose will be in charge on Friday, July 24th, and Sharon Kalinoski will be in charge on Saturday, July 25th.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert: Pool finally opened June 30th following the Dept. of Public Health guidelines. Pool rules are posted at pool on the bulletin board, are available from the life guards at check in and are posted on the web site.

REMINDER that you **must** have a Covid waiver signed and turned in to the office as well as a sticker on your pool ID before you can use the pool. If you haven't done that yet stop in the office during open hours or call and set up a time to meet with Recreation Committee member. The guards **cannot** update your ID.

EVERYONE (over age 2) must wear a face covering/mask when they check in at the pool – guards have been told that they cannot allow you to come in if you are not wearing one at check in.

Water aerobics is happening at the pool on Wednesday mornings from 11:00 – 12:00, cost is \$5.00 per session. Acacia residents only.

Zumba is being held in the parking lot on Thursday nights from 6:00 – 7:00 – cost is \$10.00 per class. Acacia residents only.

Please note that our recreational facilities can only be used for instruction of Acacia residents – this includes the swimming pool, basketball, and tennis and pickle ball courts. If you want to use any of them for lessons of any kind you will need to notify the Board and also all participants will need to sign a waiver each time they participate.

Playground opened July 1st. Basketball courts are still closed.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Jack Brandush: The Grounds Crew completed 50 grounds service requests.

Maintenance replaced both front arms on the 2011 36-inch Standard Lawn Machine. This machine may need to be replaced next year at a cost of \$8,000+. We may need to put the cost of this item in next year's budget.

The tree contractor has finished cutting down five large trees and is continuing to trim the large trees on Briarwood and Elmwood. The weeding contractor has sprayed areas a second time and will come back to finish the missed areas.

New trees will be planted in the fall on common ground and the areas selected will be those areas where trees are needed. New trees will not be planted next to existing trees, close to structures, or in low areas where water tends to accumulate. Some owners have requested special trees from our arborist's recommended list. If that area has been chosen for a new tree, the owner may select and purchase the tree of their choice from the recommended list, and the association will reimburse the owner the average cost of a tree purchased in the fall.

After discussion the Board is reminding residents of the following rules regarding signs. There have been many outside contractors working on projects for homeowners this year and some have been placing advertising signs outside of the home. Please remember that advertising signs are not allowed on common ground. Any contractor advertising sign on **common ground** will be removed and placed next to the dumpster by the clubhouse. A contractor may display their sign on your property (between the lamp post and your home) only while they are working during the day and must be taken down at night.

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Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Ben Boyd: Met with Metal coping contractor to revise his year-old quote — should have revised quotes by 7/15/2020. Once these are transmitted to me, I will call a special meeting to discuss going forward with four-unit test of Rhino shield and metal coping project. Jose's report for THM Director for June:

Completed 12 Townhome service requests

Prepped clubhouse for painting

Hand delivered all notices for driveway sealcoating

All wood deliveries have been delivered, prepped and stored

Hand delivered all homeowners copies of service requests

Troubleshoot outside lamp post for new homeowner

197 driveways were resealed - Crew did an outstanding job

Cherrywood has been finished — prep crew now working on Nacona — painters will follow

Club house has been repaired and painted

I have signed off on lumber and paint invoices this month

The prep work for painting has been completed on Cherrywood. They have moved on to Nacona. Then the crew will go to 1,3,5 Cascade. Then 1,3,5,7,9,11, and 13 Elmwood. Then to Hawthorne, Deercrest, and 149,147, and 145 Cascade. Painting to follow.

Village Relations Director's Report: Sharon Kalinoski: IHP had at least 37 cases of Covid-19 and at least 6 deaths, most of which were from Briar Place nursing home. Masks should be worn by everyone at businesses, both employees and customers.

Acacia Drive sidewalk update: State of IL has approved the project for construction in 2021. Village should get the options for construction in July, and discuss them at the July and August meetings, and decide which option to choose in August.

2020 Census responses are 79% complete for IHP.

Water rate increase of 16c per 1000 gallons, not affecting sewer rate, due to Countryside passing along rate increases from McCook and Chicago. (Note: this appears to be in addition to the rate increase announced in April.)

New administrative vehicle towing fee approved. This is for tows due to police matters such as DUI and other crimes.

Accepted village wide trash hauling franchise bid from SBC Waste Solutions. It was stated that this would include Acacia and that Groot could no longer continue providing service in IHP. (Need clarification on this) The change would happen in Sept. or Oct. Items over 50 lbs. would need a tag costing \$3. There will be another "town hall" meeting to discuss trash service.

Heritage Center library re-opened in June. Limit 2 patrons inside at a time, and wearing masks required. Hours are Sat. 10am to 3pm and Sun. noon to 3pm. Honey harvested in town and IHP t-shirts/tote bags are available for sale there.

Reminder: no commercial vehicles can be parked outdoors overnight in IHP. Commercial is any vehicle with any writing on it, or those obviously commercial otherwise.

Police chief reported that once a week their cars are disinfected in Burr Ridge. AED's were acquired for every police car.

Next IHP board meeting was held July 9, but video recording was not yet available to view as of July 12. The August IHP board meeting will be on Thurs., Aug. 13.

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report: Diane Voyles: For the month of June there were 9 requests for new projects and 14 inspections of completed project. ANY repair of a deck or roof that is more than a few boards or shingles MUST have ALCC approval. If you have any question, please call the office. It is far better to get clarification prior to starting a project than to find out you are receiving a fine for NOT turning in the required form.

Welcome Baskets: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: Since Phase 4 had begun, I have started delivering welcome baskets again to our new Acacia residents. All deliveries are now taking place in the clubhouse. Five new welcome baskets were given to the new residents of 35 Briarwood Lane, 149 Cascade Drive, 26 Elmwood Drive, 239 Cascade Drive and 3 Stonehearth Lane. It was lovely to meet all of the residents and tell them about our guidelines and amenities. The new residents expressed their appreciation for the welcome baskets and having their questions answered. 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: Office and clubhouse opened June 29th – mask or face covering required when you enter and entire time you are there. Reminder that the hours are 8:30 to 11:45 and 12:15 to 3:30. If you can't make it in during open hours please call and let Kim know what you need.

Raises for the crew were electronically approved. 8/0/0

Homeowner Forum:

New Business: You can complete your Census questionnaire online, by phone or paper. On Line: go to my2020census.gov - if you have your ID number that was mailed earlier this year fill it in. If you don't have that look at bottom for "If you do not have census ID, click here" - answer the questions and when you are done wait for a confirmation number to appear - this indicates that your response was submitted successfully. By phone: for English call 844-330-2020, for Spanish call 844-468-2020. Many phone numbers for

other languages are available on the website. On Paper: wait until you receive the questionnaire in the mail, complete it and mail it back.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: Eckert, Boyd 9/0/0 motion passed

Executive Session: Motion to close Executive Session and return to Open Session –Eckert/Kalinoski 9/0/0 motion passed.

Report from Executive Session - Joe Consolo will join the Recreation Committee and if needed back up Sharon Kalinoski with village relations. Ben Boyd will leave the Recreation Committee and remain the Director responsible for Townhome Maintenance and a part of the ALCC committee.

Motion to close Open Session – Eckert, Kwiatek 9/0/0 motion passed.

POSITIVE VIBES



Kona Ice truck was in the Acacia parking lot on Friday, July 10th from 1:00 – 2:00.

Turned out to be a great day to enjoy a shaved ice – sunshine and warm temperatures made this a welcome treat for residents and our neighbors.

Thanks, Diane, for setting all this up.

*We received a letter from Barb and Chris and Sally and Carl (Cascade Drive) regarding a problem they had.

Their Service Request was submitted July 4th, and Pasquale was there July 6th, to determine what needed to be done. On July 13th, Jose and Pasquale's crew were there to begin making necessary repairs and the complete job was done by end of day July 14th.

Thanks to Jose, Pasquale and the Acacia maintenance crew for the fine job you are doing. We have nothing but praise for the professional way in which this problem was solved within the short time it took them. These individuals are truly a credit to Acacia, as well as themselves for their dedication and perseverance in seeing a difficult job through to completion.

Two thumbs up for a job well done.

*Thank you, Barb, Chris, Sally and Carl, for letting the Board know what a great job Jose, Pasquale and the crew did.

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Wednesdays at the pool (starts July 8th)

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LET'S DANCE!



Guest Policy for Pool – Summer 2020

Beginning Monday, July 20th we will allow guests at the pool with the following guidelines/requirements:

- No more than 2 guests per household per day
- All guests must sign a Covid waiver before they can enter the pool area
 - guards will have them at check-in for guests only
 - if you are bringing children you must have their parent fill out the waiver and turn it in to the guards at check-in
- Each household will be given 10 guest passes to use. If you need more you can purchase them for \$20.00 per card from the lifeguards or the office
- All guests will be expected to wear face covering/mask when checking in and follow all check-in procedures – temperature check and Covid symptoms sign in sheet
- Residents will need to come to the clubhouse to pick up their guest passes during open hours
- If you can't make it during regular office hours the Recreation Committee will be at the clubhouse during the following hours for you to pick them up
 - Saturday, July 18th – 10:00 – 12:00
 - Sunday, July 19th – 12:00 – 2:00
 - Monday, July 20th – 5:00 – 7:00
- The guards will NOT be able to give you your guest passes (unless you are buying extras)

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