

# ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Pool Opens Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Pool ID renewals – Please see the dates and times included in the newsletter and remember that you must bring your proof of residency to renew your ID.

Kona Ice will be in the parking lot on Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 – come get a treat opening weekend.

### **Acacia Wide Garage Sale**

**Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

If you are participating and would like your house on the map, please contact the office by June 1st and let us know.

### **Village of Indian Head Park Recycling Day**

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – please see information on this event included in the newsletter.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **June 8, 2021** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting  
May 11, 2021**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, May 11, 2021 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

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

Director Boyd, arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of the April 13, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Polacek, Consolo. 8/0/1 Motion passed.

**Home Owners comments/questions:** Mr. Acosta from Cascade Drive is disputing a fine he received. He would like the board to reconsider their decision and remove the fine as well as allow him to park his work vehicle in the cul-de-sac parking overnight. The board will discuss this during Executive Session and send our response in writing.

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

Assessment Collection	\$91,175		
Other Sources	\$ 2,424	Total Collection	\$ 93,599
Total Expenses			\$ 59,036
Net Ordinary Income			\$ 34,563
Capital Reserve Transfer			\$ 6,000
Net Income			\$ 28,563

We are building our Operating Reserves to pay the increase we will see in the expenditures during the warmer months. This is normal every year.

As of April 30, 2021, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$3,793.

22 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 April 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	\$ 278,442
Operating Fund	<u>\$ 807,526</u>
Total	\$1,085,968

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

**Clubhouse Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek:** There were no clubhouse rentals during the month of April. Amy Eckert and I will meet to look over the prospect of finishing the floors in the clubhouse.

The Acacia annual garage sale will be held on Friday, June 11th and Saturday, June 12th from 9am to 3pm. Please submit your name and address to the Acacia office by June 1st if you would like to be included on the garage sale map.

We received a letter from Versiti Blood Centers of Illinois asking if we would hold a blood drive in Acacia. After discussing it with the board, we decided to participate with having a blood drive at the clubhouse sometime in August.

**Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert:** Pool: We started Pool ID renewals last week. We will be doing renewals as follows:

Thurs, May 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 1:00

Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 1:00

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 – 6:00

Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 – 6:00

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1:00 – 4:00

Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>- 1:00 – 4:00

You need to bring your **Pool ID and a photo ID showing your Acacia address** – and if you are renewing for your family, you need everyone's Pool ID and photo ID. No IDs will be renewed without these.

If you can't make any of the listed dates/times call the office and we will set up a time to meet to get your renewal done. **No Pool IDs will be renewed at the pool.**

Jose has ordered the chemicals and supplies for the pool for the season for a total of \$5887.87. We have already spent \$1334.27 on chlorine to get the pool ready. Total cost is \$7222.14 which is \$1822.00 over what we budgeted – part of this was the cost of each 50# container of chlorine going from about \$150.00 each to \$205.00.

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Playground:

Joe, Lyn and I picked the colors for the new slide. I talked with the company about removing the existing slide as we are not able to do this, so this changes the amount for the installation. I have the new quote for a new motion. Also, if we pay for the slide when we order it there is a 2% discount and if we unload the slide there is a \$300.00 discount in the installation price.

Motion: I move that we purchase the SpyroSlide and 6 replacement swing seats from NuToys for a cost of \$11,461.90 with removal of old slide and installation by Service Management for a cost of \$5,590.00. This is a capitol expense. Eckert, Consolo. 9/0/0  
Motion passed. Roll call taken.

Courts:

We received a quote for replacing the court surfaces, but it needs to be redone because they quoted for basketball, 1 tennis and 2 pickleball courts, so we asked that it be redone for basketball, 1 tennis only and 1 tennis with lines for both tennis and pickleball. We are waiting for the corrected quote.

It was suggested we look into the condition of the wooden pergola covered area at the pool at the end of the season to determine if any repairs are needed.

**Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Jack Brandush:** The Acacia Grounds Crew started on April 12 and completed 26 grounds service requests.

55 tree stumps were removed by Family Tree Werks.

Tru-Green sprayed the lawn for crab grass control, broad leaf weed control, and fertilization.

Purchased 17 trees from Home Depot and Walmart for \$1904 for planting on common ground. We plan on purchasing another 5-10 trees for approximately \$1500-\$3000 from Hinsdale Nurseries. These are the larger trees we plan to plant.

With more Acacia residents owning dogs, the grounds crew has encountered more instances of dog waste on lawns. Since the crew cannot mow the lawn when this occurs, this is a warning that dog waste must be picked up immediately or the owner will be fined. Additionally, if the dog waste is still on the lawn when the lawn is scheduled to be mowed, a dog waste removal service will be hired and the owner will be charged. Please be courteous to your neighbors and also help our crew so that the lawns can be mowed on schedule.

The comment was made to please place your garbage bags on your driveway or on the curb so they do not get in the way of the mowers. Make sure to tie the garbage bags closed so no garbage spills out.

Director Brandush announced that he would be resigning his position on the board because he is selling his home and will no longer be an owner. He offered his help to the board going forward.

**Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Ben Boyd:** Completed nine townhome service requests.

Picked up seasonal needs at Menards.

Received, stained, and stacked wood from Hillside and Standard Lumber.

Compiled inventory of existing paint material and generated order for new paint.

Placed paint and supply order \$41,533.13.

Compiling inventory of driveways to be sealed and drives that will need to be replaced - will be sending out RFQ to three asphalt companies in May.

**Village Relations Director's Report: Sharon Kalinoski:** Report on April 8, 2021 IHP village board meeting

The mayor and village employees present in village hall again not wearing masks during the meeting. Mayor reported IHP Covid cases up again to 265. (higher as of early May. FYI, CDC guidelines recommend dining out is OK only for vaccinated people.)

294 construction updates: new noise walls in our area are now being constructed.

There was an online meeting April 14 initiated by Cook County regarding proposals for reconstruction of Plainfield Rd. from County Line Rd. to East Ave. Proposals include 3 lanes or 5 lanes, plus sidewalk/paths on each side.

Electronics and paint recycling is Sat. June 12, 9am-1pm at IHP Public Works Dept. Shredding 11a-1p.

IHP Trustee election results certified as winners: Eck, Donnersberger, and O'Laughlin.

Wolf Rd. and Plainfield Rd. construction will be in Phase 1 study process for another year. Wolf Rd. study to be reviewed in May with public meeting(s) to discuss.

New fiscal year budget was passed, with an increased cost for Acacia Drive stormwater management.

Police Chief wants to appoint a Senior Services officer to help senior residents with issues. (Note: a senior resident of IHP was recently scammed out of \$48,000) IHP police dept. has a new Facebook page.

Movies in Blackhawk Park this year are scheduled for August 14 and Sept. 25.

Electrical aggregation opt-out deadline was April 14, but residents can opt-out anytime. Eligo customer service number is 708-300-9324. It was stated that the rates are the same as Com Ed, and will stay that way.

**Architecture and Landscape Director's Report: Diane Voyles:** For the month of April there were 12 requests for new projects, 4 inspections of completed projects and 4 new homeowner inspections completed.

2 warning letters were sent for various violations.

Per Acacia Rules & Regulations, gazebos are allowed May 1 – November 1. Recently we have seen some homeowner's erect fabric sun shades. At least 1 homeowner called in prior to installing theirs and we gave verbal approval. However, I feel we need to incorporate these items into our 2021 rules & regulations.

I suggest we add the bolded portions to the existing guideline below. Temporary deck/patio gazebos **or sunshades** may be erected May 1 and must be completely removed, including all framing by November 1. **These are allowed only on the deck or patio in back of the house.** Discuss and vote. The Board agreed to add the wording for sun shades to the Rules and Regulations.

Deck colors: On wood decks the recommended stain color is Oxford Brown. Composite decks have been installed in Acacia with varying colors. I have seen much lighter browns, dark brown and even gray. Even though the form states the oxford brown color, homeowners don't necessarily order that for their composite. Once the deck is installed it is impossible to enforce.

Do we want to allow for more variation on deck color of composites? All decks? Discussion please. After board discussion it was decided that composite decks must be dark brown and a brochure or sample of the color to be installed must be supplied with the form for approval.

**Welcome Baskets: Peggy Rose Kwiatek:** One new welcome basket was delivered this past month to residents from 4 Sweetwood. I enjoyed meeting with them and discussing the guidelines and amenities. They have found Acacia to be very friendly, and are happy to have moved here.

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:** All crew members have returned, and 1 new crew member was hired for the season. Safety meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of next week.

We will look into using postcards to send important information, upcoming events and/or reminders to residents as a way to get information out to residents. While this information is already included in monthly newsletters, posted on our website and at times emailed to residents this might be an additional way to get information to residents.

**Homeowner Forum:** Ms. Turro from Elmwood had questions and suggestions regarding the paint color.

1. She asked what part was being changed? – Response: All the current beige and white will be painted the new color.
2. Can we paint the clubhouse first so we can see what it looks like? Response: It is too late in the season to do this now – It would put us too far behind in townhome prep to get the work completed this year.
3. Did we get the pictures she sent with suggestion for added creamy color around the windows on townhomes? Response: Yes, and it was forwarded to the Director chairing the committee.
4. She expressed desire to be on the committee last year but there was not enough interest at that time so no committee was formed. She wished she had been a part of this year's committee.
5. She suggested (after hearing our discussion on deck colors) that we might want to look into additional approved deck colors to compliment the new paint color. The board will look into this at a later time.

**New and Ongoing Business:** Ben Boyd reported he spoke with the village regarding the use of lead water pipes. He was told that when the water meters were switched out, they determined that no lead pipes were used in the connection between the water lines and individual houses in Acacia.

### **Saturday, June 12, 2021**

On Saturday, June 12th from 9 AM-1 PM residents will be able to drop off paint and electronics at the Village Public Works Building (11308 70th Place) to be recycled.

Also, from 9 AM-1 PM, residents can bring documents that they would like shredded as we will have a shred truck on site. Limit of 2 boxes of paper to be shredded.

To drop off items for recycling or document shredding, you must have proof of residence. A driver's license, piece of mail, or current 2021-2022 Village Vehicle Sticker will work.



Village Police and Village Staff will be on-site to check proof of residence, direct traffic, and assist residents.

**Motion to adjourn to Executive Session** – Eckert, Consolo 9/0/0 Motion passed.

During Executive Session the board discussed and decided on a dispute of a resident fine. The resident will be notified in writing of the Board's decision.

**Motion to return to Open Session** – Eckert, Polacek 9/0/0 Motion passed.

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

# ***ACACIA WIDE GARAGE SALE***

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
June 11th & 12th  
9am – 3pm**



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**Sharon Kalinoski CPA. Broker**

**Townhomes FOR SALE in Acacia:**

- 1 Buttonwood Ct. 3BR, 2.5 Bath, 2 car gar. (Under contract)      \$279,500**
- 7 Buttonwood Ct., 3BR, 2.5 Bath, 2 car garage      \$264,500**

**I have buyers looking for:**

- Acacia ranch model (Adams) townhome**
- Wilshire Green condo (127-129 building preferred)**
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