

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

June 2021

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office and maintenance will be closed on Monday, July 5th.

Garbage Reminders:

- Bags need to be placed on the driveway or in the street next to the curb.
 - Bags need to be black and TIED shut.

DOG WASTE NEEDS TO BE PICKED UP DAILY.

Vehicle Stickers need to be purchased at Village Hall by July 1 to avoid late fees.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **July 13, 2021** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

POOL GUIDELINES
EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

Now that the state has moved to Phase 5, we are making some changes to our Pool Rules and Guidelines.

Make sure you read the changes. We expect everyone to follow them.

Change in pool hours: starting on Friday, June 18th the new hours will be:

Mon. thru Thurs.	11:00 – 6:30
Friday	11:00 – 8:00
Sat. Sun. Holidays	10:00 – 8:00

Face masks will still be **REQUIRED** while you are checking in at the desk. We understand that the CDC has changed this guideline for vaccinated people. We are not going to expect guards to check for vaccination proof. Also, since we have many young people that can't yet be vaccinated, we are keeping this rule in place.

All residents will continue to sign in and all guests will now only need to sign in and get their wristband.

Once all the blue chairs and tables are cleaned and put out you can feel free to group as you want. You will no longer need to clean your chair when you leave.

Reminder: Eating is only allowed in the patio area at the south end of the pool, at the tables outside the pool area or in the 4 Season Room. No eating allowed on the pool deck. Please clean your table when you are done eating.

Smoking is only allowed in the marked grassy area outside the pool deck. Smokers, please empty the ashtrays.

GUEST POLICY: you can now bring up to 4 guests per household before 4:00 pm. After 4:00 pm you can bring up to 8 guests per household. If you plan to bring more than 10 guests, you **MUST** contact us in advance because you will need to pay for an additional guard.

ALL CHILDREN that are wearing diapers **must** also wear rubber pants when using the main pool. Swim diapers alone are OK in the baby pool only.

Cleaning break will take place every day and no one is allowed in the water while guards are cleaning.

If you have any questions, contact the office and your message will be given to the Recreation Committee.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2021**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, June 8, 2021 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

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

Directors Absent: Polacek

Approval of Minutes of the May 11, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Boyd, Voyles. 7/0/1 Motion passed.

Home Owners comments/questions: Tony from Sweetwood stated that he is a new resident and appreciates that the association is self-managed. He moved from a community that hires a management company and he prefers a self-managed association. Tony expressed his appreciation for the time and work the volunteer board provides.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek (Read by Amy): For May 2021, the Acacia Association

Treasurer's Report shows:

Assessment Collection	\$88,580		
Other Sources	\$ 1,173	Total Collection	\$ 89,752
Total Expenses			\$ 87,663
Net Ordinary Income			\$ 02,089
Capital Reserve Expenditures			\$ 11,462
Capital Reserve Transfer			\$ 6,000
Net Income			\$ (15,373)

We will see the expenditures exceed our income during the warmer months. This is normal every year.

As of May 31, 2021, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$4,140.45

12 of 387 members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances.

As of May 31, 2021, 240 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	\$ 284,605
Operating Fund	<u>\$ 787,137</u>
Total	\$1,071,142

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

Clubhouse Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: There was one clubhouse rental in the month of May.

The Acacia wide garage sale is scheduled for June 11 & 12 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This year we have 28 townhomes participating in the garage sale compared to 13 townhomes last year. All participating townhomes will receive maps to distribute to their customers. I posted the event on Next Door, and can post again on Thursday.

We are planning a blood drive with Versiti Blood Centers of Illinois during the month of August. Their representative requested that we get an idea of how many people would participate. The office sent an email out to all of our residents, and we got 14 responses of residents who are planning to participate.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert: Playground:
Slide for the playground has been ordered – hopefully it will be shipped and installed within the next 2 weeks.

Tennis and Basketball courts:

We met with MCH Sports Surfaces again to finalize what we wanted them to do – which is keep all courts the way they are BUT stripe both tennis courts for both tennis and pickleball. We will need to purchase new nets for the tennis/pickleball courts because our current ones are in need of replacement.

We have a proposal from MCH Sports to do the work at a cost of \$69,721.00 and \$1,450.00 for 2 new nets.

I move that we accept the proposal from MCH Sports in the amount of \$71,171.00 to replace the court areas and nets. This is a Capital Expense. Eckert, Kalinoski. 7/0/1
Motion passed. Roll call taken.

Swimming Pool:

We opened as planned on May 29th even with the cold temperatures. Weather has improved and many residents and their guests have been enjoying the pool since then. As of today, we have renewed 239 households' Pool IDs including taking pictures for 137 new Pool IDs and reprinting 45 Pool IDs due to loss, change of address, kids growing up or damage to the ID card. We had 8 scheduled dates for ID renewals during May and added 2

more this past weekend. If you are new to Acacia, you MUST call the office to set up a time when someone from the Recreation Committee can meet with you to take your picture and if you already have your Pool ID and just need to renew you can come to the office during business hours to renew it – you must bring proof of residency to get it renewed.

There was a good turnout for Kona Ice when they were here on Sunday, May 30th. We have 2 more dates when the Kona Ice truck will be here: Friday, June 25th from 1:00- 2:30 and Sunday, August 29th from 1:00 – 2:30.

We are waiting for the State to move to Tier 5 reopening guidelines and if that happens on Friday, June 11th as planned we will go ahead and plan Family Fun Day for later in the season. At that point we may also be able to relax some of the restrictions at the pool. Watch the website and your email for updates.

Diane asked about the pool being closed early last Friday. Amy explained that this was a scheduling error with the pool management company and has been corrected.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Read by Amy Eckert:

- Completed 14 Service Requests
- Cleaned and filled 55 stump holes and began reseeding areas
- First application of weed killer to common ground planting areas was done
- Planted an additional 18 trees on common ground bringing total number of trees planted this year to 28
- Continued grounds trimming ahead of the painting cycle
- Purchased new 22-inch gas powered hedge trimmer from Russo Equipment
- Gas purchases for the month were \$727.32 for carts and mowers, \$91.55 for truck

Reminders for residents:

On Tuesday when you put your garbage out, PLEASE make sure the bags are tied closed and that you place it either on your driveway or in the street next to the curb so the crew can mow.

Make sure all your personal items are off common ground or that area can't be mowed.

Make sure any dog waste is picked up to avoid getting a fine.

There is one complaint from a resident regarding people cutting through the grassy area between Nacona and Acacia. The resident wants Acacia staff to plant a border to deter people from cutting through. The board discussed this and decided that common ground is open to all residents to walk through and that there are many common ground areas that residents use to walk from one place to another.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Ben Boyd: Completed 21 townhome service requests.

Seasonal material picked up at Menards and Home Depot.

Carpenters started on May 10th – First building block of townhomes have a lot of rotten wood and time to complete the first block was excessive. Second block started June 5th. We must be five buildings ahead before painters start the painting. The coping will start when the painters complete 5 buildings.

Survey completed for driveway replacement. We are scheduling 23 replacements this year.

Vendors contacted to quote sealcoating driveways.

Village Relations Director's Report: Sharon Kalinoski: As of June 8, the meeting video had not been posted on the village website yet. I was sent a link to view it on YouTube. The online meeting had a lot of technical problems with volume, echo/feedback, roll call vote issues, and a lot of time frequently taken to have people mute and unmute, making it difficult and very lengthy to watch. The mayor, village employees, outgoing trustee Sean Conboy, and 3 police officers present in the village hall all NOT wearing masks (contrary to posted policy for those entering the building.)

The first half hour was a special meeting to acknowledge the outgoing trustees and swear in the new trustees. The regular meeting followed. The mayor did not mention Covid case counts, so I looked up the information. As of June 6, there were 294 cases of Covid in IHP, an increase of 30 since my last report. This equals about 8% of residents. Anyone homebound age 65+ or disabled can call 833-308-1988 to schedule in-home Covid vaccines.

Mayor reported on the Cook County meeting regarding Plainfield Road reconstruction: many residents objected to expanding it to 5 lanes, and the board will present opposition to the 5-lane plan at the next Cook County meeting. Wolf Road alternative plans will be available in Fall of 2021.

Indoor dining and outdoor event limits are 50% of capacity or 100 people, whichever is less.

The police chief presented the concept of "10 Shared Principles" of law enforcement guidelines for better community relations and also his Annual Report, which should be on the village website.

Village Administrator presented some proposals for new construction near the Triangle property. First, a 2-story office/retail building on Joliet Rd. by Vine St. Second, a mixed-use 4 story building on Wolf Rd. south of Salon Suites with Driftwood Lounge on the first level and surgery/medical center tenants.

Also, he reported that the state of IL might reduce the sales tax revenue sent to IHP by 10%, so he will send an objection to that reduction.

Movies in Blackhawk Park are scheduled for Sat. Aug. 14 and Sat. Sept. 25. Car show scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 12.

Countryside announced water rate increase of 7c per 1000 gallons, effective June 1.

IHP is not going to take over Lyonsville Church by consensus of the board.

Residents need to buy vehicle stickers (\$65) before July 1 to avoid late fees/fines.

There was no mention of the construction delays on Acacia Drive due to the utility lines. Com Ed is putting lines underground now, and when they are done Nicor will be installing a new gas main and lines to 107 homes west of Acacia Drive in Acacia. This could take several more weeks to complete.

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report: Diane Voyles: For the month of May there were 9 requests for new projects, 9 inspections of completed projects and 4 new homeowner inspections completed.

5 warning letters were sent for various violations.

With the nice weather have come requests for usage of common areas for various events. I would like to suggest a couple of changes to the form and vote to approve.

At this time, the Director of Grounds does not sign for approval. I suggest the form add the Grounds Director as an approver and also as performing the final inspection after the event takes place.

Page 2 lists the guidelines for use of Common Areas.

I suggest changing bullet #5 from:

All equipment must be removed and area use must be returned to original status within five working days of use.

To:

All equipment must be removed and area use must be returned to original status within 48 hours of use.

I suggest changing bullet #6 from:

Any damage to common areas must be rectified after inspection by the Director of Grounds and the Operations Manager.

To:

Any damage to common areas will be charged to the homeowner based on the cost of material and labor to repair. This assessment will be made by the Director of Grounds and the Operations Manager.

The board agreed to the proposed changes to the Common Area/Rental Equipment form.

Welcome Baskets: Peggy Rose Kwiatek:

Two welcome baskets were delivered this past month to new residents from 3 Deercrest and 13 Heatherwood. Each family asked many questions about our guidelines and were happy to get answers. They both were very appreciative of the welcome baskets.

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 maintenance will be closed on Monday, July 5th.

Homeowner Forum: Ward from Westwood stated he has asked for many years that the board get quotes to replace the plywood used on the townhomes with cement board. He feels this would be more expensive but would last longer. Ben offered to work with Ward to create a proposal with pricing for materials and installation of cement board.

Ward stated that he is not happy with the proposed work to Wolf Road. Amy replied that individuals need to make their opinions known to the village. The Acacia Association does not have any way to influence what happens with Wolf Road construction.

Melissa from Cascade asked how many quotes we get when we look at doing big projects like resurfacing the courts? Amy answered that we get at least 2 quotes and try to find 3 companies to give quotes for work.

New, Ongoing, or Other Business: The Board met in Executive Session on May 26th to discuss compensation for seasonal crew members. Motion was made to approve proposed increases effective June 1, 2021. Motion passed 9/0/0.

Jack Brandush has resigned from the Board as of June 4, 2021. Jack has volunteered his time as a Board member for many years and we would like to thank him for his service.

The Board needs to discuss what we want to do with the position – options include other current Board member(s) taking over his responsibilities or asking residents if anyone is interested in filling the position until the next election in February 2022. Jack was responsible for Grounds.

Joe has offered to take over the Grounds Director position until the February election. Joe will still be on the ALCC.

Sharon agreed to take over the Secretary position on the board. Sharon will also continue to be the Vice President.

Diane asked for input regarding letters that are sent to homeowners and there is not resolution to the issue mentioned in the letter or any kind of response from the homeowner. It was decided that after multiple attempts are made to mail a homeowner with no response or action to resolve the issue, a letter will be sent certified to have documentation that the letter was received.

Motion to close Open Session – Eckert, Boyd 7/0/1 Motion passed.

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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 gar. As-is \$245,000

I have buyers looking for:

Acacia ranch model (Adams) townhome, or Indian Ridge first floor condo
Wilshire Green condos 2BR and 3BR, to buy or rent
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ALL of my listings over the past 3 years received multiple offers. Please call me for a free market analysis if you are thinking of moving. I offer hands-on help to all clients.

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