

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

December 2021

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 22nd – Blood Drive – Village Hall

Friday, December 24th and 31st – Office and Maintenance Closed

Friday, December 31st – Last day to turn in Village of IHP survey

Reminders:

Annual Elections for Board Members is in February. We are looking for resident volunteers to run for office. If you are interested, please submit a short write up introducing yourself and your interest to run to the office by January 10, 2022.

Beginning January 1, 2022 Garbage will be picked up on Fridays.

ASSESSMENT INCREASE

**The new monthly assessment amount of \$240.00 per month begins
January 2022**

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, January 11th at 7pm in the clubhouse.

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

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, December 14, 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 McMillin.

Directors absent: Voyles

Approval of Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Polacek, Consolo 7/0/1 Motion passed.

Homeowners' comments/questions:

Linda C.– Deercreek: Asked when her coping would be redone next year and wanted to know why the houses on the paint cycle had cedar boards replaced before coping and hers was a composite. She would like to have the composite removed and replaced with cedar boards before new coping is installed. Jack B. stated that the use of composite boards was an “experiment” and wanted to know how long it would last – concerned about it with humidity even though it is covered with aluminum.

Ben responded that Linda’s house would be first on the list for coping next spring. He also said he needs to meet with Jose to answer the questions Jack had regarding the wood used.

Linda asked that the response be in writing.

Marisa P.– Tanglewood

She expressed concern that too many trees are being removed each year and that the new ones that are planted need to be larger than 1” to 1-1/2” trunk size. Joe explained that we have an arborist come out and survey the trees to determine the health of the tree. He also explained that we do not remove trees unless they are dying. Marisa expressed that she felt we should not rely on one person’s evaluation and should consider getting a second opinion.

She also would like residents to have notice of which trees are coming down each year.

Joe and the Board will continue to address this issue next year.

Edita D. – Elmwood

Edita asked why the nets on pickleball courts are taken down over the winter, why the lights are not fixed yet and why the locks have to be on the courts. She said park districts

keep their courts open longer than we do. As was explained to her at previous meetings the nets are taken down to keep them from being damaged over the winter. The locks are there for security purposes and the 1 lock that is broken will be repaired in the spring. We are still getting bids to replace the lights on all the courts, swimming pool and parking lot. We need to have more than 1 bid before the Board can decide on which company to contract with for the work.

John Polacek – Cascade

John wants the board and residents to know that he will not be running for the Board this time. I feel that 13 years is enough, and it is time for a fresh face. I will be 80 next year. My son is moving to Texas in January, and we will be going there during the winter.

I would like to thank all those who had faith in me for these years and to thank all Board members who served with me.

The Board has been filled with good members who care about the Acacia Association and they try to be fair and equal to all members.

We need some new members for the Board. If you care, please run for the Board.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek:

For November 2021, the Acacia Association Treasurer's Report shows:

Assessment Collection	\$88,349		
Other Sources	\$ 1,013	Total Collection	\$ 89,362
Total Expenses			\$ 59,911
Net Ordinary Income			\$ 29,451
Capital Reserve Transfer			\$ 6,000
Net Income			\$ 23,451

We are now spending less than our monthly income so our Operating Reserves are increasing. This is normal every year.

As of November 30, 2021, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$12,158.

17 of 387 members have Past Due Accounts. 2 accounts are in payment agreements. This is \$ 8,600 of our outstanding balance. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. The previous month, 17 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

As of November 30, 2021, 242 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

