

ACACIA TIMES

THE ACACIA ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022



Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday 4/12/2022

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting Tuesday 5/10/2022

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 19th – S.A.F.E – Safety, Abuse and Fraud Education Workshop
6:30 - 8:30 pm at Acacia Clubhouse – presented by IHP Police Department

Tuesday, April 26th - 6:00 pm - Open House meeting with Strand Engineers
at Village Hall - topic Wolf Road Expansion

Pool ID Renewal Days/Times: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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Saturday, May 14 th	11:00 – 2:00 pm
Sunday, May 15 th	12:00 – 2:00 pm
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Congratulations to Edita on being the first person to correctly answer our March Acacia Trivia Question. Keep reading your monthly newsletters – you never know when the next question will appear.

Garbage Reminders:

SBC starts pick-ups by 9:00 am - please make sure you have everything out by then

RECYCLE BAGS - residents need to contact SBC at residential@sbcwastesolutions.com or 312-522-1115 if they need bags

ALCC Reminders:

Gazebos are allowed from May 1st through November 1st. Please don't put yours up early.

Do not store items on the common grass areas

POOL ID INFORMATION

NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE POOL WITHOUT ACACIA ISSUED POOL ID

NO POOL ID'S WILL BE ISSUED OR RENEWED TO ANY HOUSEHOLD THAT IS IN ARREARS UNTIL ACCOUNT IS BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE

Residents that have a pool ID: need to bring their pool ID and show proof of residency to renew their pool ID. Proof of residency for current pool ID holders **must** be Illinois Drivers License or State ID with Acacia address for adults and proof of school enrollment for children.

New Residents or those getting pool ID for first time: will need to come in and have picture taken for pool ID and must bring proof of residency that shows they have purchased a home in Acacia or are renters.

Acceptable forms for proof of residency:

- Current Illinois Drivers License or Illinois State ID card
(required for any resident that has been issued a pool ID)
- Children – proof of enrollment in local school - ID card, report card or class schedule
- Closing papers, property tax bill that shows owners name and address or utility bill with name and address
(ONLY for new residents or those that have not been issued a pool ID)

Renter Requirements: you will need to have on file in the Acacia Office:

- A copy of your current lease that shows dates and signatures
- Certification of Receipt of Rules and Regulations form

These documents require signatures of both the owner and renter. You can check with the Acacia Office to see if yours are currently on file.

If you have any questions about the above or if you feel you have special circumstances not covered please contact the Acacia Office and your message will be given to the Recreation Committee. We will work with you to resolve any issues.

SWIMMING POOL RULES

In conjunction with Illinois Public Health Rules the Acacia Association has implemented the following rules.

If you are exhibiting any signs of illness, including those of the corona virus DO NOT come to the pool.

Pool Hours:

Monday through Thursday - 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday - 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday, Sunday and Holidays – 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Hours will be shortened when guards return to school in August

- **EVERYONE** entering the pool area **MUST** present his or her Pool ID at check-in desk. **You must also complete the sign in sheet each time to come to the pool.**
- When bringing a guest, you must present a guest pass, guests must sign in, wear a wrist band at all times and you must remain at the pool with them.
- **NO** more than 5 guests will be allowed per household before 4 p.m. If you are planning to bring 10 or more guests after 4:00 pm any day you must contact Recreation Committee so that an additional guard can be on duty – you will be responsible for the cost of the additional guard.
- Guards will take “sanitizing breaks” throughout the day. **NO ONE** is allowed to be in the pool during these times.
- Shoes worn to the pool must be removed at the entrance to the pool and can be placed on the shelves in the shoe corral. Pool shoes may be brought in and put on.
- Designated eating/snacking areas are the tables in the patio area outside pool area. There is no eating allowed on the deck and no eating or drinking allowed in the swimming pool.
- **No glass is permitted anywhere in the fenced pool/patio areas. Coolers/bags may be checked when you check in.**
- A member of the family, or that family’s representative, at least age 14 or older, must accompany all children under the age of 12.

- Only children **4 years and younger** are allowed in the baby pool. Children must have a responsible adult present in this area at all times.
- Any child that wears diapers **MUST** wear rubber or plastic pants when using the main pool. Swim diapers may be worn in the baby pool only.
- No diaper changing on the pool deck. There are changing areas in locker rooms.
- Residents must not interfere with the lifeguards. Their job is to insure the safety of patrons and that our pool is properly supervised at all times.
- No pool users are allowed to sit/climb on guard chairs or check in desk.
- At the discretion of the lifeguard/pool manager on duty, a swim break may be called. Only those 18 and older will be allowed in the pool during swim breaks. No one is allowed to sit on stairs or ladders during swim breaks.
- Floatation devices/pool toys, which obstruct the view of the lifeguards, are not permitted. The lifeguard/Pool Manager on duty will determine this restriction. River rafts are not permitted at any time.
- The pool is closed when the outside temperature is 68 degrees or below.
- Swimmers can swim while it is raining. However, in the event of thunder or lightning you will be asked to leave the pool immediately. The pool will remain closed for 30 minutes after the last thunder and 1 hour from last lightning occurrence.
- Smoking is only permitted at the table in the grassy area outside the pool.
- No pets are allowed in the pool or pool patio area.
- Bathing attire is required when swimming – no street clothes may be worn in the swimming pool.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INTERPRETATION OF POOL RULES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE BOARD RECREATION COMMITTEE OR POOL MANAGER.

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting
4/12/2022

The Board of Directors Meeting of April 12, 2022 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Amy Eckert.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Patti Chiappetta was sworn in as board member.

Directors in attendance were Amy Eckert, Peggy Rose Kwiatek, Diane Voyles, Lyn McMillin, Ben Boyd, Patti Chiappetta, Jennifer Cione, Joe Consolo and Tom Herley.

Homeowners Forum:

Mary from Heatherwood had a question about getting her window repaired - it needs to be caulked and she can't wait until May when the crew returns.

Director Consolo motioned to approve the minutes for the March 8, 2022 Board of Director's Meeting, which was seconded by Director Boyd. Minutes approved 9/0/0.

Treasurers Report:

Income	\$91,231	(assessments, late fees, closing fees, etc.)
Expenses	\$33,737	
Capital Expenses	\$10,695	(standing mower replacement)
Transfer to Capital	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	
NET INCOME	\$40,799	

Net income is building reserves for operating expenses over the season when expenses often are larger than our monthly income.

As of March 31, 2022:

Operating Account	\$613,016.65
Restricted Fund	\$343,789.48

There were 17 accounts past due for a total of \$5,196.94 due to missed assessment payments (6 accounts, 2 of which are on a payment plan) late fees and fines (11 accounts). There were also 4 accounts that were brought up to date.

Acacia residents are encouraged to enroll in ACH (automatic payment) for monthly assessments. This avoids missed payments and late fees. More than 60% of residents take advantage of ACH. There is no charge and the assessment amount is withdrawn from your account on the 20th of each month. Forms are available on the Acacia website or you can call the Acacia office at (708) 246-2400.

Director Boyd motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, which was seconded by Director Kwiatek. Approved 9/0/0.

Clubhouse Director's Report:

There were no clubhouse rentals in the month of March. Bunco night was held on April 5th at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. There was a good turnout with two tables playing Bunco. Face masks were optional. The last night of Bunco for the season will be on May 3rd at 6:30 pm. To celebrate, everyone can bring a snack to share. Please bring your own beverages and \$5.00 for the prize money.

The Acacia Food Drive was held on April 8th at the clubhouse where a lot of food and paper goods were collected and given to the Share Food Share Love Pantry in Brookfield. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The annual Acacia Garage Sale is being planned for early June. The date has not been set but start getting your items together that you would like to sell. If you would like to be included on the garage sale map, please call the Acacia office (708) 246-2400.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report:

Pool - Included in this newsletter are the pool rules and hours and what paperwork you need to renew or get a first-time pool ID. Please mark your calendars for renewal dates and times. Once these dates pass you will need to schedule an appointment with a member of the Recreation Committee. No resident will be allowed to come to the pool until passes are renewed. A few other reminders:

- Pool IDs will not be renewed or issued if a resident is in arrears on assessments or owes the Association money for fines.
- Additional guest passes are \$5 each or a card of 10 for \$50.
- Lost pool IDs are \$10 to replace.

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Fun summer activities are in the works- suggested are Fun Day Sundays, Kids Swim Night for those in 8th grade and younger, Ice cream truck and Kona shaved ice truck.

Family Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday July 24th. Details will be shared as plans are being made.

The fence at the south end of the pool is being replaced before the pool opens.

The courts are now all open. The backboard will be installed soon so it's time to come out and get some exercise. The courts are locked and if you need a key, you can get one from the office. There are separate keys for the basketball and tennis courts.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK THE GATE WHEN YOU LEAVE. There is a \$10.00 deposit for each key, and you must show proof that you live in Acacia to get one. You keep the key and when you return it you will get your \$10.00 back. (Your keys from last year will work this year.)

We met to discuss the suggestions from resident Joe at last month's meeting and determined that as of now we do not have money in the budget to put wind screens on the fences. We checked with the Village of Indian Head Park about adding a port-o-potty and told they only allow them for special events, such as festivals, so we will not be adding one.

He asked that the courts be open longer going forward and this year we opened them April 1st and plan to have them open until mid-November. If the weather is nice, we can always extend the closing date.

EnerLight has begun the process to get our new lights approved by ComEd to be eligible for a rebate on the cost of the lights. As soon as there is a response we will be scheduled for installation.

The wooden poles in the parking lot need to be replaced before installing the new lights. A bid was received for metal poles and the price was much higher than anticipated and it would be up to 18 weeks before they could be installed. We asked for a quote for replacing the existing wood poles with the same and this was a more reasonable option and the work can be completed before June 1st.

Electronic motion was made to accept the bid from City Lights for the installation of 3 wood poles in the parking lot in the amount of \$10,950.00. Motion carried 8/0/0. This is a capital expense.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report:

Since the last Board meeting, we completed 1 ground service request. We picked up seasonal needs at Menards and Home Depot. Additionally:

- received the crew tee shirts for the season
- oversaw the removal of 5 dead or diseased trees
- purchased nine trees from local vendors for planting in late April
- purchased \$180.00 in gas for the truck
- took delivery of a new 48-inch Wright Stander lawn machine from Russo Equipment

The 2011 lawn machine was sold to a private party for \$2,500, thanks to Jose. Russo Equipment only wanted to give us \$1,000. Jose told us that he could get more by advertising it and selling it outright. Thanks to his efforts we made an additional \$1,500. Jose goes out of his way to do things like this for the Association. Thank you to Jose.

Blue bags are provided by SBC to be used for recyclables. They are not supplied so people can use them for other things. The roll of blue bags that SBC hands out contains 100 blue bags. There is no reason a resident would need more than one roll to cover a number of months. A resident that uses one blue bag a week should be able to go almost two years of use out of one roll. For that reason, we are going to talk to SBC about reducing the number of bags contained in a roll. The roll of blue bags Groot use to hand out contained significantly less bags.

When calling (312) 522-1115 or emailing SBC (residential@sbcwastesolutions.com) for blue bags or a bulk pick up, **PLEASE** identify yourself as an Acacia Resident. The person working on your request does not always recognize your address as being in Acacia. Our contract calls for free bulk pick up and no stickers necessary. Other areas in Indian Head Park have to pay such fees.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report:

Completed 0 townhome service requests.

Began discussions with asphalt company for driveway replacement for 2022.

Paint and supplies have been ordered for the 2022 paint cycle at a cost of \$37,070.05.

We will be offering residents who are having their driveways replaced in 2022, the opportunity to have their driveway curb cut down. This will remove the bump from the street into their driveway. The cost to the resident will be \$360.00 for the leveling. Once we have selected the driveways that need to be replaced, the Townhome Maintenance Director will contact each resident with a curb, and offer the opportunity to have their

curb cut down after the old asphalt has been removed but before new asphalt is applied so that their driveway is level - matching the newly leveled curb.

We will also be offering resident who are not having the asphalt drive replaced in 2022 but want the cub cut down an opportunity to have this done at their cost. The way this is accomplished is to have 4 feet of asphalt removed from the curb up into the driveway. The curb is then leveled, and new asphalt is installed in that 4 feet to match the new curb level.

If you are in need of cement work such as replacing sidewalks, we are working on getting a group of residents together which will provide a cost effective and more efficient way to hire one cement truck/company to do multiple projects on the same day. Please call the Acacia office if you are interested (708) 246-2400.

In March an electronic vote was taken to approve the Inside Out Company coping proposal to cope 60 townhomes in Phase II – 2022 cycle. The proposal was to accept the bid of \$81,668.00 and it was voted on 8/0/0. The 2022 coping budget was \$92,400 – the \$10,732 difference will be pushed back into the 2022 budget to cover other expenses.

The Inside Out Company's proposal to paint 60 townhomes was brought to the Board of Directors for a vote. Director Boyd motioned to accept the \$71,520 proposal by Inside Out for painting, which was seconded by Lyn McMillin. Approved 9-0.

Inside Out has also been contacted to work up electronic renderings of our townhomes to evaluate the ability to cover the stucco walls with siding. Inside Out received all of the fragile architectural townhome drawings and will provide Acacia with copies on an electronic media for ease of future use. We will also have the drawings returned to us.

Village Relations Director's Report:

Wolf Road Update: An open house was held on Thursday April 7th so residents could view the Phase 1 proposals for the widening of Wolf Road. The suggested plans were on display and there were comment sheets for residents to fill out sharing their concerns or suggestions regarding the plans. The village will accept the comment sheets until April 28th. The proposed plans are on the village website (indianheadpark-il.gov) and can also be viewed at Village Hall until April 21st. This will impact residents whose townhomes are adjacent to Wolf Road as well as several single-family homes on the west side of Wolf Road.

Village Update from March meeting:

Village Board Goals for 2022:

- Saving money for Wolf Road landscaping - \$80,000
- Community Events - plan more of them - \$10,000
- Village Hall and staff accommodations - \$80,000

- Power to Sacajawea Park and possible emergency phone at both Sacajawea and Blackhawk Park (would dial 911 when picked up)

The money for Acacia Drive landscaping has already been set aside and this will happen once road and sidewalk are finished.

Water rate increase coming later this summer - possible increase of \$2 - \$3 per month. IHP has a very high rates because the water flows from Chicago to McCook to Countryside and any increase to them also comes to us. Village is in the beginning stages of looking at alternatives to getting water this way.

Public Works Report: There is an upcoming Water Pump Station project will be a very complex project which will take 13 months to complete (August 2022-September 2023)

Planning and Zoning April 5th meeting: Prospective Dunkin Donuts Development at 6921 Joliet Road-Could cause congestion and take away income from other business in that triangle

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report:

For the month of March there were 2 requests for new projects and 0 inspections of completed projects.

Six warning letters were sent for winter decorations and other miscellaneous items.

Per Acacia Rules & Regulations, gazebos are allowed May 1 – November 1. Please do not erect gazebos prior to May 1.

In the next several weeks the Acacia board will be looking over the entire subdivision for:

- items on common ground
- poorly maintained or unstained decks
- garage doors in need of replacement
- sagging or unattached gutters
- roof/shingles in need of replacement
- front doors needing painting
- items hanging from trees (other than bird feeders or houses)
- other questionable situations

Homeowners in violation will receive a warning/fine as appropriate. Note, all violations are warned 1 time per occurrence and is not fined unless the violation is not corrected

within a specified time period. Owners who have been previously warned, receive a fine if there has been a prior violation.

Welcome Baskets:

A welcome basket was delivered to the new resident at 217 Cascade Drive. A lovely talk took place and the guidelines and amenities were explained. The resident's questions were answered and expressed gratitude for the basket.

Acacia Office:

Linda resigned her position as Office Manager due to personal issues. The board will meet in executive session to work on a plan to replace her. Thank you to Michelle and Kathleen for helping cover the office until we find a replacement.

A back-up battery/surge protector was purchased for the office computer.

Homeowners Forum:

Judy from Cascade suggested that when the board looks at townhomes that we also look at screens that are in disrepair.

Patti from Elmwood Court asked about the grass areas that were disrupted with the Nicor work last year - they were reseeded but still no grass is growing. She should contact the village to ask how this can be redone.

She also asked if we will be allowing volleyball at the pool this year on Sundays and the answer is yes.

President Eckert motioned to close the open session and move to the executive session, seconded by Director Kwiatek. 9/0/0

Wolf Road Reconstruction Phase I Study Public Meeting Comment Form

Thursday, April 7, 2022
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Indian Head Park Village Hall
201 Acacia Drive, Indian Head Park, IL 60525

The Village of Indian Head Park, in conjunction with the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, is conducting a Public Information Meeting to provide an overview of the Wolf Road Reconstruction Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study and to present the preliminary design alternatives. The purpose of the meeting is to seek public input on the proposed preliminary design alternatives for Wolf Road from 79th Street on the south to Plainfield Road on the north.

Please place your comments related to this meeting in the comment box at tonight's meeting, or fold in thirds, affix a stamp, and mail by Thursday, April 28, 2022. You may also transmit comments electronically to Wolf.Road.Study@strand.com.

Comments: _____

Name/Affiliation _____
Address _____
City/State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone No. _____
E-mail Address _____



Comment Form

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Village of Indian Head Park Residents!

The Indian Head Park Garden Committee in partnership with Eagle Scout candidate Egan Payne, from Troop 69-Burr Ridge, will be installing 20 raised garden beds for village resident use. The garden beds will be located by the tennis courts near the Village Hall. The beds will have gravel for drainage and will be filled with a garden mix soil. Water will be available

To help fund this project, we are seeking community donations.



Donations of any size are gladly accepted and can be dropped off at the Village Hall. Donations to "Scouts BSA Troop 69" are tax deductible

Please make checks payable to:

Scouts BSA Troop 69, and put "Egan Payne Eagle Project" on the memo line
Or mail to Troop 69 c/o Egan Payne 7320 Prescott Lane Countryside, IL 60525

For electronic donations, please call Kim Payne at (312)-925-5062

If you are interested in using one of the garden beds for the 2022 planting season, we are requesting a minimum donation of \$100 and a signed "Garden Plots Agreement & Code of Conduct". Garden Beds will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. Please contact the Village Hall for details

Thank you for your support



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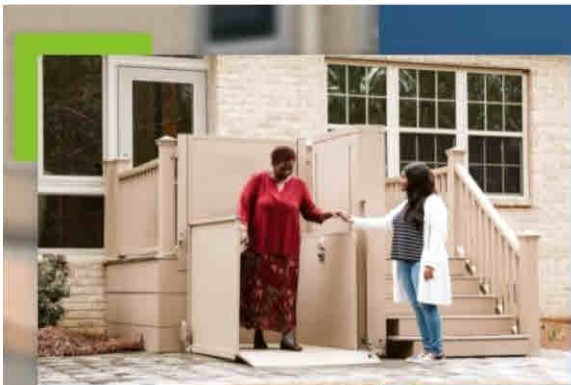
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