

# ACACIA TIMES

**Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association**

**October 2020**

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# **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Halloween 2020:**

Indian Head Park has set the trick or treating hours for 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more details.

## **New outdoor lighting standards to be implemented January 1, 2020:**

Please read the minutes for details.

## **Garbage Update:**

Starting October 20, 2020 Groot will be arriving in Acacia starting at 9am to pick up recyclables and trash.

Trash must be securely tied in black bags, and recyclables in blue bags supplied by Groot (708-485-0900), placed on the curb no earlier than morning of pick up.

\*Only emergency service requests will be accepted after October 15, 2020.

\*Any questions pertaining to maintenance and landscaping requests please call the Maintenance Office at 708-784-9295.

\*The tennis courts will be closed for the season on October 15, 2020.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **November 10, 2020** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting  
October 13, 2020**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, October 13, 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, Boyd, Consolo, Kwiatek, McMillin and Voyles.

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

**Home Owners comments/questions:** Karen from Cascade asked about receiving a fine for replacing railings on her deck. She did not think she had to fill out an ALCC form and submit a deposit if she was just replacing like for like railings. Karen also said it was difficult to figure out a 10% replacement, which is the guideline for needing to fill out a form and submit a deposit. Amy replied the ALCC will discuss if there is a need to have more explanation on the ALCC form, or in the Rules and Regulations. Diane explained many decks are out of compliance and if you replace a railing that is out of compliance, that is against deck guidelines.

Julie and Jay from Nacona discussed a water issue at their home. This has been an ongoing issue for quite some time. The issue seems to be resolved for now, but there are concerns about the issue occurring again in the future. Amy said that this will be discussed with the Townhome Maintenance Director and with the board.

**Treasurer's Report: John Polacek:** For September 2020, the Acacia Association Treasurer's Report shows:

Assessment Collection	\$79,920		
Other Sources	\$ 1,436	Total Collection	\$ 81,356
Total Expenses			\$113,507
Net Ordinary Income			\$ (32,152)
Capital Reserve Transfer			\$6,000
Net Income			\$ (38,152)

We are now spending some of our Operating Reserves to balance the expenditures. This is normal every year.

As of September 30, 2020, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$4,758.

21 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 September 30, 2020, 234 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. 60% 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	\$235,303
	Operating Fund	<u>\$684,692</u>
	Total	\$919,995

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 two clubhouse rentals during the month of September. Will we be doing A "Visit from Santa" this year? This will be discussed as a board, if or how this can happen with current health guidelines.

Regarding the leak in the basement of the clubhouse, Jose has received 3 estimates from Perma-Seal Waterproofing. Depending on the work performed, the estimates were \$16,635.00, \$11,422.00 and \$6,540.00. U.S. Waterproofing came out to give an estimate, but because they could not find the leak source, they could not provide a quote. They offered to come out again when we have a heavy rain, to try to find the source.

**Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert:** Jose has contacted 2 companies for quotes on redoing basketball and tennis courts. Once they have been out to look at what we have and give us estimates of what needs to be done we will be able to move forward on deciding what we want to do. (can we consider redoing so there is one tennis/pickle ball court and turn the other into a fenced dog run? What about a bocce ball court as has been suggested - remove shuffleboard court for this?)

We have catalogs for playground equipment and still need to look at the condition of what we currently have and also determine if we want to add any additional equipment.

Pool is closed and winterized. Residents - Please keep your Pool ID as you will need it for renewal next year.

We have been informed we will be receiving a check in the amount of \$11,302.90 from Chicagoland Pool Management due to the late opening of the pool.

**Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Jack Brandush:** The Grounds Crew completed 40

