

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

October 2020

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Village trick or treating hours and guidelines

New outdoor lighting guidelines

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Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, November 10, 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

ground service requests and removed 2 trees.
Six new trees were planted.

Because a new waste disposal company is now serving most of Indian Head Park, except Acacia, as of October 1, Groot Disposal Services was starting their pickup of recyclables and trash in Acacia at 7 am because Acacia is the only area in Indian Head Park using Groot. I contacted Groot and told them that Acacia was used to a later pickup time because residents cannot put out their trash and recyclables overnight. They agreed and as of October 20, Groot will be arriving in Acacia after 9am to pick up recyclables and then trash after that with the same driver. Hopefully, that will solve the problem of having to put out recyclables and trash too early in the morning.

Acacia has investigated using a new snow removal contractor using rubber pads to help avoid damage to driveway seal coating. The contractor would come automatically after a 2-inch snowfall and would be paid on a monthly basis instead of an on-event basis. Our 10-year average cost is less than 2.5 times the cost of the new contractor and the maximum cost for any year in the last 10 years is \$4500 less.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Ben Boyd: Jose and I met with Inside Out to discuss better quality paint for Acacia to use going forward next year. The goal is to extend paint cycle to 8 years for Town Homes.

Jose and I met with Dean Rayburn (Sherwin-Williams Representative) and Paul from Inside Out on Acacia site. A better-quality paint to extend the paint cycle to 8 years is dependent on the prep the townhomes have accomplished from Acacia prep crews. Jose explained and showed the prep work that was being accomplished. Dean and Paul were convinced that a higher quality paint would extend the life between painting the townhomes.

We are using a contractor grade paint from Benjamin Moore supplied by JC Licht of Schaumburg. I went over and discussed having a better-quality paint from BM and if it would in fact extend our paint cycle. We are looking at extending our present 5-year paint cycle to an 8-year paint cycle.

Both BM and SW said the life would be extended but the real determining factor if the prep is done properly and the effect the weather will have on the painted surfaces. I have asked for a quote from both BM and SW (JCLicht) to supply a better grade of paint for next year's paint cycle. When I get the quotes, I will copy you in.

*The coping project at Deercrest (11,13,15,17) will be completed in two weeks.

*The cost estimate to cope next year's paint cycle of 76 units is \$ 99,749.

*14 service requests completed

*Silhouette Paving contacted to propose solution for a townhome getting water overflow

into garage.

- *Meeting with Summit roofing to review Acacia guidelines for roof install at townhome on Sweetwood
- *Power wash and prep work on 145-149 Cascade and Deercrest is going to be finished week of Oct 12th
- *Painters are finalizing 11-15 Hawthorne
- *Inspection completed on all buildings completed by Inside Out painting contractor
- *Crew party was hosted for Acacia work crews on 9/25/2020

Village Relations Director's Report: Sharon Kalinoski Mayor's report: Covid-19 cases in IHP up to 80. Statewide face coverings required; when interacting with employees at restaurants, all parties must be masked.

Acacia Drive reconstruction project will be done in 2 parts starting April 2021. North, South, then final layer.

Cook County is spending 1.8 million on Phase 1 study of Wolf Rd. Tree survey will be done, and some trees will be replaced. Estimated at least 5 years until project would start. Mayor said that the majority of trees & vegetation would be gone, and the county may need to acquire land adjacent to right-of-way.

One trustee expressed strong opposition to the plan for widening Wolf Rd with sidewalks on both sides.

Other topics discussed not affecting Acacia.

Police chief is looking into cost of body cameras.

Oct. 8 meeting:

Mayor's report: Covid-19 cases now up to 92 in IHP. Statewide mask order continues for businesses.

Correction to above, Cook County spending 1.3 million for the Wolf Rd. study. 3 trustee positions will be up for election in April 2021; contact Tom Hinshaw for information on how to run for office.

Lengthy discussion of new outdoor dining ordinance, effective immediately. New limits: tables must be 10 feet apart, tent must be at least 25% open horizontally, capacity limit for outdoors will be only up to previous indoor capacity. Customers must be seated at tables (no lawn chairs). No dancing allowed. Noise limits 65 db at lot line until 9pm Sun-Thurs, until 10pm Fri-Sat. Afterwards, limit 55 db. There had been numerous complaints about loud sounds late at night from Driftwood Lounge

Trick-or-treating will be allowed from 3pm to 7p on Oct. 31.

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report: Diane Voyles: For the month of September there were 14 requests for new projects and 6 inspections of completed projects. We recently completed new rules and regulations for outdoor lighting, including lampposts. These will be voted on in tonight's meeting. If approved the rules will be published in this newsletter. Approved rules are:

Front yard post lights must be operable and on every night with standard white bulbs. Report maintenance issues to the Acacia office.

No planting or any other item can cover any portion of the light fixture on top of the lamppost. The ONLY exception is snowman, pumpkin, etc. fixture coverings designed specifically for a lamppost and following holiday decoration guidelines.

Ground lighting, motion sensor lights and wall lights are permitted but must be white or clear.

String lighting is not permitted on the front of houses, garages or trees in front of houses except for seasonal lighting that is displayed following the holiday decoration guidelines.

Patio/deck lighting is permitted, but must be contained within your patio area. String lights may be hung no higher than the top of the privacy wall. Lights at the outer edge of the patio/deck may be hung no higher than the nearest privacy wall.

Lights inside gazebos, awnings and umbrellas are not subject to the height rules.

On Dearborn units, upper patio/deck lighting may be attached to the deck railing or the home but no higher than the gutter above the patio/deck sliding door.

Please be considerate of your neighbors when utilizing patio/deck lighting.

Motion to approve new lighting rules to be implemented January 1, 2021. Voyles, Boyd 9/0/0 Motion passed.

Topic of the month - Holiday Decorations

Halloween decorations must be removed by November 9 (7 days after the holiday per Acacia rules and allowing for the weekend)

FINES WILL be ISSUED on Monday November 9 for Halloween decorations.

This will include, witches, ghosts, skeletons, jack o lanterns, black cats, etc.

The light post topper jack o lantern will NOT be fined and may be considered a fall decoration.

Fall decorations may remain through Thanksgiving weekend. These are items such as corn stalks, pumpkins, scarecrows, turkeys, etc.

Christmas decorations may be put up beginning Friday, November 27.

REMINDER: Per Acacia Rules and Regulations: Gazebos and all shades, poles and/or structures that are used for lighting or to create shade on your deck or patio MUST BE REMOVED BY NOVEMBER 1. Fines will be issued on November 2 to all homes with these items still in place. If you do not know if your item is included in this regulation, please call the office. It is always better to ask than be surprised by a letter.

Welcome Baskets: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: One new welcome basket was delivered at the clubhouse this past month to a new resident from 164 Cascade Dr. Information about our guidelines and amenities was given and her questions were answered. She really appreciated the basket of goodies.

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 Acacia website Calendar has been redone – now when you click on it you will see the current month with events and reminders listed. If any Board members want anything added (re: reminders regarding decorations, etc.) please let Kim know so she can add it. Residents PLEASE take a look at our website for information and upcoming events. This will be especially important as we go into the winter and getting information about snow plowing out to residents.

REMINDER: Everyone that enters the clubhouse MUST be wearing a mask or you will be asked to leave and get one. If you don't have a mask with you and you only need to drop off an envelope or paperwork you can drop it in the mail slot – which is in the door on the left. Remember you can always call the office if you have any questions.

Office and maintenance will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after.

Homeowner Forum: No questions.

New Business: IHP set trick or treating hours from 3:00-7:00. Please see the enclosed flyer with information regarding Dept. of Public Health recommendations for parents and kids. Acacia Annual Meeting and election of Directors is in February-we need a board member to volunteer to head up the committee to organize and run the election. We also need a few residents to serve on this committee. Please let the office know if you would be willing to help (this is not a time-consuming commitment-the main responsibilities of this committee is to be available the day of the meeting to “man the polls” for voting and assist in counting the ballots).

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

POSITIVE VIBES

The crew end of year party was held on September 25th – the weather was great, the food was delicious and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Thank you to Jose, Pasquale, Kim, Judy and all crew members for working so hard to keep Acacia a wonderful place to live.

Trick or Treat 2020 Guidelines

Village of Indian Head
Park



Trick-or-Treating hours for the V of IHP are Saturday, October 31st from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The CDC released alternative ways to participate in Halloween to protect communities from COVID-19. Consistent with that list and IDPH Guidelines, the Village suggests that residents consider modifying trick-or-treating by providing individually wrapped treats placed on a clean surface (folding table), picked up by families at a safe distance, like at the edge of a driveway or yard.

Trick or Treaters

- If you're sick, stay home.
- Trick or treat with immediate family only.
- Remain 6 feet away from anyone you don't live with.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and your nose (wear a face mask under other costume masks).
- Sanitize hands frequently while out trick-or-treating, especially before eating treats.

Events & Gatherings

The IDPH issued guidelines for gatherings

- Haunted houses are not allowed under Phase 4.
- Gatherings of more than 50 people or 50% of a building's max occupancy are prohibited.
- If you think you have been exposed, take extra precaution for 14 days and consider staying home and getting tested.

Parents & Guardians

- If you are sick, stay home.
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations.
- Discuss it before going out and be sure to make sure they are following the guidelines throughout the night.
- Help young trick-or-treaters stay on the right side of the walkway to be sure they're leaving distance between them and people walking the other direction.
- Carry a flashlight at night and be sure children have reflective clothing.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and your nose.
- Wash your hands as soon as you return home. Make sure children are sanitizing their hands frequently throughout the night.
- Inspect your children's candy for anything out of the ordinary before they eat it.

Homeowners

- Do not hand out candy if you are sick.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your nose and your mouth.
- Consider marking 6-foot lines on the sidewalk in front of your home and leading to your driveway/front door to help small visitors know how far apart they should stand.
- Place a distribution table or some other barrier between yourself and visiting trick-or-treaters to ensure they remain 6 feet away.
- Distribute candy on a disinfected table or use some other method to eliminate direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Wash or sanitize your hands often throughout the night.
- If you do not wish to participate in Trick-or-Treating, please place a note near the front stoop/entryway for visitors to see or turn your porch light off.

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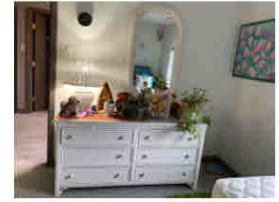
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*****ESTATE SALE!*****
Saturday/Sunday/Monday
<<October 17-18-19th>>
9-2pm



57 Westwood Square in Acacia.

*3 BR sets

*Couches, *tables, *jewelry,, *knickknacks, *kitchen, *bedding,
*garden, *bath *women's clothing size 4-8, *treasures
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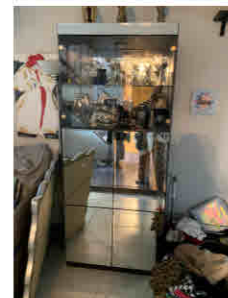
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recently established in honor of loved ones and to help
others in need in the name of LOVE ❤️

ALSO: A 2017 Hyundai Elantra car with only 33,980 miles
***** perfect condition is for sale. \$12,900.

Feel free to contact Lori at 310-621-6967 -text first if
interested in something particular in sale.

Cash, Venmo, PayPal options.
Thank you!

For safety and well-being, masks and social distancing are
appreciated.



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Actual Acacia Project
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