

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

August 2020

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

The village of IHP and SEASPAR are in the planning stages for a movie in the park. The date will be September 12, 2020. Further information will be shared when it is available.

The end of summer adult pool party will be held on Friday, August 28th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. We will practice social distancing and please bring masks to the party. Bring your own beverages, and individual snacks will be provided. You may also bring your own snacks, but we will not be sharing snacks. This Covid - 19 pandemic has taken a lot of fun things away from us this year, so we would like to still keep this tradition of the end of summer adult pool party. Please plan on coming to spend a little time with your neighbors and friends.

Reminder:

- *If you are planning an outdoor event and are going to use a tent you must get prior approval from the ALCC. Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 fine. Use the ALCC approval form for Common Areas/Rental Equipment which is available on the Acacia website.
- *Kiddie pools can be placed on common ground when in use during the day only. They must be removed from common ground overnight.
- *Fire pits are allowed only on your private property - not on common ground.
- *Reminder that all basketball hoops and any other toys, etc. must not be left on driveways overnight.
- *The crew is at 237 Cascade on the weeding and trimming cycle. They will go South on Cascade towards Elmwood and back down around Cascade to Stratford.
- *Groot will not take yard waste. If you bundle it and place it at your curb Acacia will pick it up.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **September 8, 2020** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting August 11, 2020

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, August 11, 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, and Voyles. Director McMillin was absent.

Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Eckert, Kwiatek. 8/0/1 Motion passed.

Home Owners comments/questions: Cleo from Nacona thanked Jose and the crew for doing a good job with the prepping and painting. Cleo asked about the sealcoating schedule. Amy explained that half of Acacia is seal coated one year and the other half is seal coated the next year.

Joe from Elmwood said he thinks there should be no renters in Acacia.

He asked why we can't vote electronically? Amy responded that the state of Illinois prohibits homeowners' associations from electronic voting.

Joe asked if the crew would benefit from the association purchasing a bobcat? Jose said he did not think it would be cost effective.

Joe stated he thinks assessments should be raised to provide a better living experience for people in Acacia. He thinks we should provide entertainment and have more gatherings at the clubhouse. Amy stated that we have had low attendance in the past. Joe suggested recreational activities such as Bocce Ball and a bags game area.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek: On the Treasurer's Report Page, you can see that the Assessment Collection was \$83,235. With other sources of income, we show a Total Income for the month of \$84,983. Total Expenses were \$166,469.01 leaving a Net Ordinary Income of \$-81,486. We had a Capital Reserve transfer of \$6,000 leaving us with a Net Income of \$-87,486. We are now spending some of our Operating Reserves to balance the expenditures. This is normal every year.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$3,631.12. **14** members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. In July, 9 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

Currently 228 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. 59% 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 Balance and Operating Fund Balance. They now stand at:

Reserve Fund	\$222,975.04
Operating Fund	<u>\$775,997.18</u>
Total	\$998,972.22

The COVID-19 Pandemic will affect the activities and costs at Acacia but we do not have the details yet.

I move that we accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Polacek, Boyd 8/0/1 Motion passed.

Clubhouse Director’s Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: The Acacia wide garage sale that was held on July 24th and 25th was a huge success! Kim put together maps and addresses of all the homes that were involved in the sale. I distributed 6 or 7 maps to each seller on the day before the sale, so they would have them to give out to buyers. We advertised the sale on Nextdoor and Craig's List, along with garage sale signs in the neighborhood. The weather cooperated with no rain, although it was hot. Thank you to all who participated as sellers and buyers.

There was one clubhouse rental last month.

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Recreation Facilities Director’s Report: Amy Eckert: Pool Rentals: 1 rental in July and 2 more scheduled for August.

Guests are now allowed – no more than 2 per household per day – guest passes can be picked up in the office – waiver must be filled out by guest **every time they come to the pool.**

Shortened hours will begin August 20th when lifeguards go back to school.

Here is the schedule of open hours:

Thursday August 20th

Open 12 noon to 3:30 for residents 18 and older
(No guests allowed during these hours)
Open 3:30 to 6:30 for all residents and guests

Friday August 21st, Monday 24th, and Tuesday 25th

Open from 12 noon to 6:30 pm for all residents and guests

Beginning Wednesday August 26th weekday hours will be:

Open from 12 noon to 3:30 pm for residents age 18 and older
(No guests allowed during these hours)
Open from 3:30 to 6:30 for all residents and guests

Weekend and Holiday Hours (Saturday, Sunday, and Labor Day):

Open from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm for all residents and guests.

The pool will close on Monday, September 7th.

Our pool was inspected by Cook County Health Department this week and we passed with flying colors! Thanks to Jose, Pasquale, and the guards for maintaining the pool.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Jack Brandush: The Acacia crew completed 30 service requests for grounds and removed 5 trees last month. Both front entrances of Acacia were weeded and cleaned.

Because of the pandemic, more residents are using the common grounds for large activities, such as gatherings under a tent. Please remember that approval must be obtained before the activity can begin.

I will be doing a survey this month to determine locations for new trees in the common areas.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Ben Boyd:

22 Completed Service Requests on townhomes.
Completed special pick up for lumber at Hillside Lumber Company.
Inspected all buildings that have been completed by painting company.
Painters finished Cherrywood and Nacona.
Painting started at 1,3, and 5 Cascade.
Power washing started 2 through 12 on Hawthorne.
Carpenters are working on 7 through 12 Elmwood Drive.
Stucco repairs are being completed 1 through 13 Elmwood Dr.
All sealcoating completed and inspected.

Driveway replacements are scheduled to begin August 17th.

Overtime has been approved for 4 Townhome Maintenance employees. 5 weeks behind schedule. Townhomes are in need of extensive repair.

Ben was questioned about testing Rhinoshield on a set of homes in the subdivision. Ben is putting a committee together and they will present a proposal when they are ready.

Village Relations Director's Report: Sharon Kalinoski: The meeting was held at village hall with some residents allowed to attend; most IHP board members participated online via Zoom. Mayor reported that there were 42 reported cases of Covid 19 in town and at least 6 deaths. Pillars Community Nurse offers Covid 19 tests.

Census results are 80% complete; please respond and submit your Census forms if not already done.

IHP is getting a \$4.125 million state grant, budgeted by IL, for sidewalks on the north side of Joliet Rd.

If you have not already purchased your new vehicle sticker, the price is \$65 plus a \$65 late fee.

Engineer from Strand Assoc. presented 3 options for the Acacia Dr. reconstruction including sidewalks. Federal funds covering 70%, village paying the balance of costs. There will be no sidewalk on the inner/west side of the road, (which will not be moved), only on the outer/east side of the road. The road will become 3 feet narrower than it is now. Village board will vote on which plan to choose at the August meeting (8/13 at 7pm). Details on the plans following this report.

On July 28, the mayor and village admin. met with reps from the 3 HOA's affected regarding the sidewalk plans. **The 3 plans all include these features:** Both medians, (the "islands" at the north and south Acacia entrances) will be removed and replaced. Any trees and shrubs removed will be replaced with new trees/shrubs. All improvements will be done in the public "right of way". A barrier curb will be installed on both sides of the road. IHP will plow sidewalks in winter after all roads are plowed. Construction will start in April 2021.

Option 1: includes a grass "buffer" 5 feet wide between the street and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk.

Option 2: includes a grass "buffer" 3 feet wide between the street and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk.

Option 3: same as #1 except between the 2 Acacia Circle intersections, no buffer and a 6-foot-wide sidewalk.

The HOA reps in attendance agreed that option 2 was the least bad option. The HOA reps are still in agreement that we do not want any sidewalks at all. The mayor said that the board could vote to NOT choose any of these options and could potentially vote to eliminate the sidewalks. Those opposed to the sidewalks should contact the village board members and/or attend the next village board meeting in person or online. You can watch the meeting live online (go the IHP website for link) and you can submit comments and questions by text or email during the meeting.

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report: Diane Voyles: For the month of July there were 9 requests for new projects and 8 inspections of completed project.

Topic of the month – Outdoor Lights

Colored lights are considered holiday decorations and are only permitted as seasonal décor. If a homeowner wishes to have lights at other times of the year, they must be on the homeowner's property, not in a common area or tree. Only white lights are permitted.

Welcome Baskets: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: Three new welcome baskets were delivered this past month at the clubhouse. Receiving baskets were new residents who reside at 10 Deercrest Lane, 14 Westwood Drive, and 180 Cascade Drive. It was nice to meet all the new residents and tell them about the guidelines and amenities that Acacia has to offer. They expressed their appreciation for the welcome baskets and having their questions answered.

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: Nothing to report

Homeowner Forum: Edita from Elmwood asked if the houses could be different colors? She would like to see different colors. Ben responded yes, there are different color options. There have been committees in the past to discuss this, but nothing has been decided.

New Business: Resident asked if we would be interested in having their friend bring their hot dog truck to sell hot dogs, chips, water, pop etc. to Acacia parking lot – September 12 and 13 from 11:00 – 3:00.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: Eckert, Kalinoski 8/0/1 motion passed

Executive Session: Motion to close Executive Session and return to Open Session –Eckert, Brandush 8/0/1 motion passed.

Report from Executive Session - During Executive Session the board discussed a complaint that had been submitted by a homeowner and a maintenance issue with a homeowner not making necessary repairs.

Diane asked about a meeting to go over the Reserve Study and Amy and John will come up with a date for board to meet to review the study.

Motion to close Open Session – Eckert, Brandush 8/0/1 motion passed.

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