

THE ACACIA TIMES

A Monthly Insight into the Happenings at Acacia

September 2022

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SBC Garbage Pickup

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SBCwastesolutions.com
- or -
312-522-1115

Next Blue Bag delivery is 9/23

New Office Hours

On Board Meeting Days the
office will be open from
Noon – 5:00pm.

The Board meets the 2nd
Tuesday of each month.

Acacia Association

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Kids Swim Night at Acacia

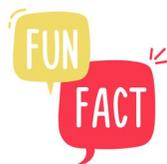
On a warm Wednesday night in August just before school started, Acacia hosted our Kids Swim Night at the pool.

Kids ranging in age from kindergarten through 8th grade enjoyed a magical night in the pool on one of their last nights of summer, and they brought along some of their pals to share the fun.

It was a night to remember filled with glow sticks and pool noodles, root beer floats and good old-fashioned fun!



HOLD ONTO YOUR 2022 POOL ID! YOU WILL NEED IT TO RENEW NEXT YEAR



500 pool passes issued to
259 families with
1,000 people using the pool



Next Up...

Movie Night in the Park

Saturday, September 17th
The Sound of Music

Bears Vs. Packers in the Park

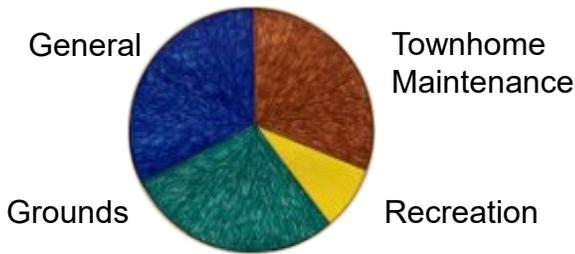
Sunday, September 18th
See inside for more details

The Results Are In...

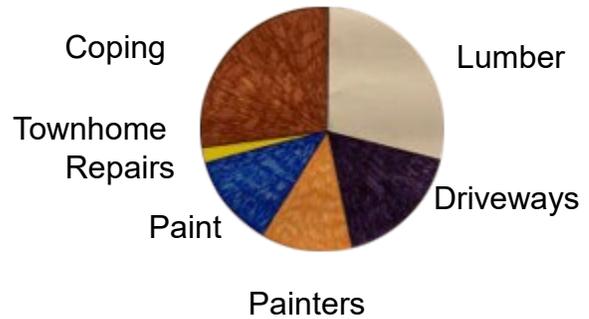
Prior to entering our next budget cycle, the Board invited all Acacia residents to a meeting on September 7 to get input as to how we can best spend the Association's dollars.

30 residents (including board members) attended the meeting and shared their ideas for how they would like the board to spend our money. Below are the ideas shared as well as ways to potentially save some money. The pie charts show the percentage of budget for each major area of expenses for the 2022 Budget Year.

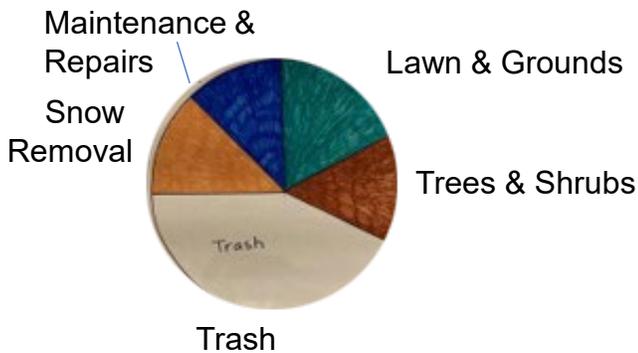
2022 Budget



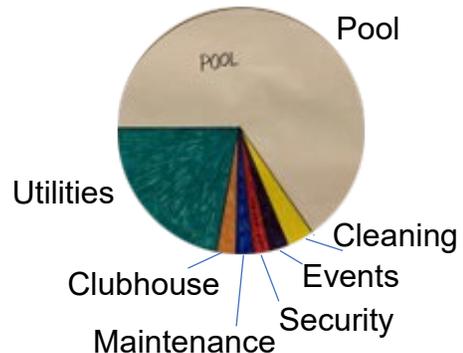
Townhome Maintenance



Grounds



Recreation



WANT TO SEE

- weeding in cul-de-sac parking areas (1)
- weed control on common ground (16)
- mulch common ground (30)
- snow removal
 - 2" or more (2)
 - use rubber blades (22)
 - shovel sidewalks (2)
- trim bushes on private property more often (1)
- landscape entrance and islands (9)
- update stone signs at entrances (3)

WAYS TO CUT COSTS

- shorten pool hours (14)
- cope only houses where boards are replaced for a few years (16)
- look into siding to replace lumber / stucco (11)
- look into solar panels to heat clubhouse and maintenance garage (1)

Upcoming Events:



Saturday, September 17th

Movie in the Park – The Sound of Music – 7:00pm

An American musical film released in 1965, that reigned for five years as the highest-grossing film in history. Its breathtaking photography and its many memorable songs, among them “My Favorite Things” and the title song, helped it to become an enduring classic. The nearly three-hour-long movie was nominated for 10 Academy Awards and won five, including those for best picture and best director.

Sunday, September 17th

Chicago Bears vs. Green Bay Packers

Come to Blackhawk Park on Sunday, September 18th to watch the Bears WIN against the Packers on the big screen.

Bring your chair, pack a cooler, and enjoy the game! Alcohol is allowed for this event only.

The event begins at 6pm, and the game starts at 7:20pm.



Sunday, September 25th

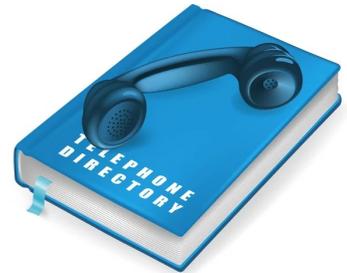
Car Show at Indian Head Plaza – noon – 4:00 pm



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Calling All Petsitters!



Do you love animals?

Do you want to earn some extra cash?

Acacia residents love their pets and are always looking for enthusiastic caregivers for them when they go on vacation, or need a potty break at lunchtime while they are at work. If you're interested in signing up to be a pet sitter please call the office and we will maintain a list for residents.



Acacia supports the monarch butterfly migration?

In July 2022, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, or IUCN, classified the monarch butterfly as endangered. One of nature's most beautiful creatures, the monarch is key to our own survival, and we can help them by planting milkweed and other native plants on which they feed. Acacia resident, Sharon Kalinoski has generously offered to provide milkweed seeds for our residents to plant in their own gardens.

Come in to the Clubhouse and help yourself!

<http://www.monarchwatch.org>

What is Pickleball Exactly?

Join your neighbors Anita and Bill to play America's fastest growing sport on **newly lit courts!**

Beginner / Intermediate

Wednesdays, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sundays, 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Meet at the Tennis Courts located behind the playground and pool. Go down the sidewalk on the left of the building and walk through the playground.



For the uninitiated, pickleball is something of a mix between tennis, racquetball and ping pong. Players use special paddles and a wiffle ball, and games take place on tennis courts with specific pickleball lines.

Nets and court sizes are smaller than their tennis counterparts, and the most common game is doubles, although singles is also an option. It has its own set of quirky rules — for instance, try to stay out of the “kitchen”— but they’re easy to learn.

**For more info, please contact Anita at 708-308-0830
or Bill at 630-715-3836**

Learn more about Pickleball at <https://www.pickleball.com>

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 2022

The Board of Directors Meeting of September 13, 2022 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Amy Eckert.

Directors in attendance were: President Amy Eckert, VP Peggy Rose Kwiatek, Treas. Diane Voyles, Directors Ben Boyd, Lyn McMillin, and Tom Herley. Absent: Directors: Joe Consolo, Jennifer Cione, and Patti Chiapetta.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by: Amy Eckert, Ben Boyd - 6/0/3 motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Voyles

Income	\$89,434.00	(assessments, late fees, closing fees, etc.)
Expenses	\$98,031.32	
Capital Expense	524.00	Pool and entrance lighting
Transfer to Capital	<u>6,000.00</u>	
NET INCOME	-\$15,121.00	

Summer expenses are generally larger than our monthly income.

As of August 31, 2022:

Operating Accounts	\$503,286.13
Capital Reserve	\$227,393.04

At the close of August there are 21 accounts past due for a total of \$10,537.33 due to missed assessment payments, late fees and fines. Two accounts are in attorney's hands.

Residents are encouraged to enroll in ACH – automatic payment – for monthly assessments. This avoids any chance of missed payments and late fees. Currently 64% of residents use ACH. There is no charge for ACH and the assessment amount is withdrawn from your account on the 15th of each month.

Treasurer's Report, continued – Diane Voyles

Since the last board meeting, the following was accomplished:

- ACH for payroll is not available in the version of Quickbooks we are currently using. This topic may be reopened next year if we move to the cloud version of Quickbooks.
- ACH will be drawn on the 15th of each month starting this month. This makes the "late" status the same date for all homeowners.
- All banking issues have been resolving.
- Homeowner open forum for Budgeting was held on 9/7 with 30 people in attendance and 7 email submissions.

The following is the budgeting schedule:

9/23 - directors first round budgets to Treasurer

9/30 - Liz makes copies of the individual budgets for all board members to review

10/11 - 6:00 Board budget meeting to discuss/debate the initial numbers.

If more discussion is needed a separate meeting will be scheduled.

10/11 - 7:00 Regular Acacia Board meeting

10/21 - Preliminary Budget published to homeowners along with proposed assessment change if any

11/8 - Board Meeting - Finalize budget and vote on assessment amount

12/13 - Board Meeting - Adopt Budget

Anyone interested in being on the Acacia Financial Committee?

September 21 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse

Please contact the office and/or come to the first meeting which will be on September 21 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. The committee will be comprised of the Acacia Board Treasurer, Board President, and 1 - 4 additional participants who may or may not be board members.

I see this committee's role as:

- 1) Establishing a policy for contributions into the account
- 2) Establishing a policy for the availability of the funds in this account
- 3) Providing recommendations for investments (CDs, Bonds, etc.)
- 4) Taking a long term look at capital projects and making recommendations during the annual budgeting process
- 5) Overseeing the Capital Reserve 5 year audits.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as prepared by staff. Lyn McMillin, Peggy Rose Kwiatek 6/3/0

Clubhouse Director's Report – Peggy Rose Kwiatek

There were 3 clubhouse rentals in the month of August.

The “End of Summer Adult Pool Party” was held on Friday, August 26th. Around 25 to 30 residents attended and brought food to share. Thanks to Alberta Mytys for lending us her fire pit to make smores and to Jose for transporting it to and from her house. A good time was had by all.

Perma Seal came out to fix our leak in the clubhouse foundation at a cost of \$10,891.48. This came out of our capital expense account.

We also hired Andreas and Sons to replace the concrete in front of the clubhouse because there were trip hazards in the sidewalk. We received a 5% discount because the clubhouse expense was combined with other homeowner's cement jobs for a total of \$7,552.50. This was also a capital expense.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report – Amy Eckert

The new LED lights have been installed at the courts, pool, and parking lot. The court lights are on a timer and come on at approximately 7:30 and go off at 10:00. (times will be adjusted as it gets dark earlier each day)

The pool is closed for the season.

- DON'T LOSE YOUR 2022 POOL ID – YOU WILL NEED IT TO RENEW NEXT YEAR.
- Jose, Tim and crew are winterizing and will cover it soon.
- We have lots of things that have been left at the pool. Stop in the clubhouse if you are missing something – anything not claimed by September 30th will be donated.
- We renewed or issued over 500 Pool IDs to 259 families, and we had over 1,000 guests at the pool during the season.
- Thanks to the guards, Jose, Tim the pool was kept clean and open all season

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report– Joe Consolo

Since the last Board meeting, we completed:

- Completed 12 grounds service requests
- Replaced on gas power hedge trimmer with Husqvarna machine
- Purchased \$811.36 in gas for the mowers and carts

Garbage Reminder

If you need blue bags, e-waste pick up or would like more than 1 large item picked up you need to contact SBC at residential@sbcwastesolutions.com or [312-522-1115](tel:312-522-1115).

Make sure to tell them you are an Acacia resident when you contact them.

Blue bags are delivered the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month so make sure you get your request in by the Wednesday before so you can be on the list. Our next delivery is September 23.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report – Ben Boyd

Since the last Board meeting, we completed:

- Completed 8 townhome service requests
- Prepped wood from Hillside lumber
- Power washing is currently underway at 33 to 27 Westwood
- Carpenters for paint cycle are currently at 53 to 47 Westwood
- Stucco repairs for paint cycle are currently at 63 to 55 Westwood
- Painters are currently at 2 to 10 Westwood
- Coping replaced at 15 Deercrest Square – when 2 year old coping was removed the wood underneath the coping was in like new condition so new coping just covered the 2 year old wood.
- New screws were attached to Deercrest Square 11,13,15,and 17 as promised by Inside Out
- Coping update – coping will be started when painters are far enough ahead on Westwood to allow a non-interrupted installation

Village Relations Director's Report – Patti Chiapetta

Wolf Road Update: The Village Board has heard the residents about having more community involvement on the Wolf Road project. So, we, along with the County will be creating a Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC) as part of a new Public Involvement Plan (PIP). Our village engineering firm Strand is working with the public involvement sub-consultant who worked on the Plainfield Road Phase I presentation, to scope out the specifics of what the PIP will look like. This has taken longer than anticipated because Strand wants to be as thorough as possible with the plans. Therefore, we are looking to be ready for the Village's October Board Meeting for the amendment to the Strand and Village agreement and the revised County and Village IGA with this new scope. After that, it would go to the County's November Board Meeting. After the County approval, we would begin preparing the PIP and coordinating with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). After the PIP has been approved by IDOT, we will hold the first CAC meeting in early 2023. In September Strand is also mailing responses to the public meeting comments. The final summary report, including all public comments will be sent to DOT as part of the approval process, at which point the comments become public. The County and the Village have stated that they intend to include the participation of the Wolf Road Advocacy Group as part of the CAC and when the PIP is being developed.

Sidewalks: 4 Main Areas in the Village's Sidewalk Master Plan:

Plainfield Road and Wolf Road: Both are County roads and both are in a Phase 1 Study. The County has stated that they will not be pursuing a 5-lane alternative for Plainfield Road.

Acacia Drive: The northern half of the Acacia Drive sidewalk project is back on track (after the union strike) and should be completed this year. There will be a new sidewalk connecting Acacia Drive to Blackhawk Park added this summer.

Joliet Road: We are waiting for the state approval to begin Phase 1 for a sidewalk along Joliet Road.

Acacia Drive Update: The curbs should be completed next week, weather permitting. Final paving should be completed in mid-September. Landscaping in October. This Board has committed to make sure Acacia Drive looks good when completed.

I-294 Tollway Update: The bridge over Joliet Road is 66% completed. The Joliet Road northbound I-294 on-ramp will be closed for 15 days at the end of August and into September. Traffic on the 1-55 flyover bridge will shift to the newly-constructed portion of the bridge in September. The Plainfield Road bridge is nearly 50% completed and the traffic has shifted to the new southern section.

Village Relations Director's Report – Patti Chiapetta

The sound wall from Plainfield south should be completed by the end of the year as reported to DuRocher by the Tollway Authority this afternoon. The Covid testing trailer parked in the Indian Head Plaza has been given 30 days to be removed

The Village is still awaiting license plate-reading cameras from Motorola Vigilant and Flock to use as samples so that a final decision can be made as to which to purchase. Among local municipalities, these brands are the favorites. These cameras capture license plates, make and model of vehicle, decals, etc. Two cameras are presently working throughout the Village as samples.

The Chief introduced the Mobile Tool-Kit, which will allow info related to overnight parking, vacation watch, business keyholders, and at-risk residents, etc., between police, dispatch, and the community. Residents can join Mobile Tool-Kit through a link in the Village website. Officer hiring status: Chief said that we now have 3 full-time officers on the midnight shift. A new full-time officer will soon be added. There is capacity for 15 part-time officers. We presently have 12, with plans to hire 3 more part-timers.

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report – Jen Cione / Tom Herley

Projects approved to start = 9

- 2 roof projects
- 2 deck replacements
- 2 storm door replacements
- 1 front door replacement
- 1 concrete project
- 1 landscaping project

Projects inspected and closed = 16

- 4 roof projects
- 1 deck replacements
- 3 storm door replacements
- 1 front door replacement
- 1 concrete project
- 1 landscaping project
- 2 window projects
- 1 coping
- 1 garage door replacement
- 1 patio replacement

Welcome Baskets – Peggy Rose Kwiatek

One welcome basket was delivered to a new resident at 31 Westwood. We had a lovely visit and Acacia's guidelines and amenities were explained. The new resident expressed her appreciation. Remember, if you have recently moved to Acacia, you may contact the office for a welcome basket visit.

Acacia Office – Amy Eckert

New Office Hours

On Board meeting days the office will be open from 12 noon until 5:00 pm effective September 13, 2022. The Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Any variations to that date will be posted on our website.

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We are currently looking into contract for IT services for computers/QuickBooks, etc. for the office.

Motion (via email): I move that we accept the following bids for insurance beginning September 11, 2022, expiring September 11, 2023:

- Cincinnati Insurance Company for Commercial Package Policy (Property, Liability, Auto, Directors & Officers Wrongful Acts coverage and Umbrella Liability Policy) in the amount of \$7,449.00
- AmTrust for Workers Comp coverage in the amount of \$11,700.00
- This represents a savings to Acacia of almost \$12,000!

Amy Eckert, Joe Consolo 7/0/2

Homeowner Forum

Gus Stamas noted that garbage pickup came early on Saturday (holiday pickup) and was told by the driver that it should be out earlier. The Acacia office confirmed with SBC that all garbage and recyclables should be placed outside by 7:00am on the morning of pickup.

Gus also commented on our Operating Reserves and that they are rising along with assessments and asked why that is. Amy responded that we are working through many financial issues and operating reserves are included in that analysis.

Judy Strawn commented that the budget meeting of September 7th was very productive. She cautioned that as we identify projects to undertake that we factor in the on-going maintenance of said projects so that our investment retains its value.

Maureen Lang also liked the sense of fellowship at the Budget meeting and suggested we hold it annually. We could provide a review of the prior year and solicit suggestions for the next year.

New Business

In December 2020 the board overlooked approving our 2021 budget - we did vote on and approve the assessment increase. I spoke with our lawyers today and asked if we could approve it after the fact and she said yes, and it would be a good idea to do so. This was only sent to current board members that were also board members in December 2020.

Motion (via email): I move that we retroactively approve the 2021 Budget as prepared. Amy Eckert, Diane Voyles. 6/0/3



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Acacia Sales August 2022

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16 Stonehearth	\$335,000

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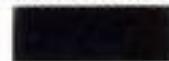
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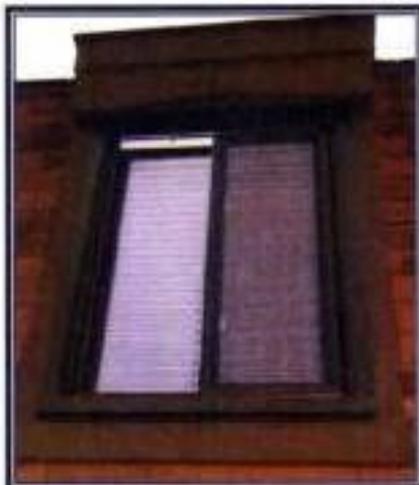


Exterior Bronze

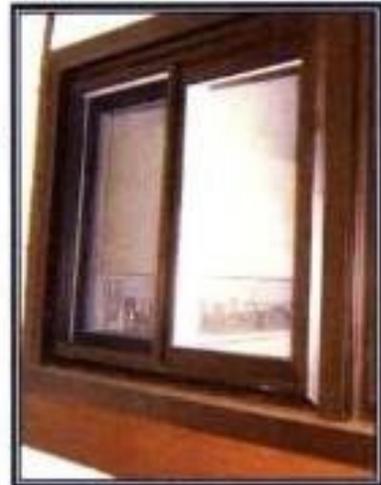
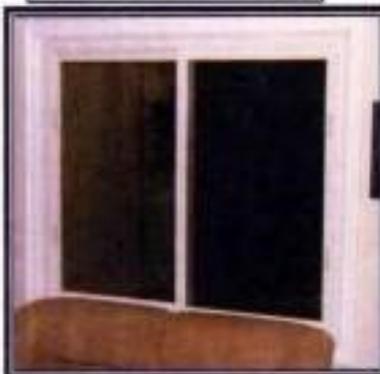


Other color combinations
available upon request

Exterior Cocoa



Actual Acacia Project
Photos



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