

THE ACACIA TIMES

A Monthly Insight into the Happenings at Acacia

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IT'S HALLOWEEN TIME AGAIN!

Acacia will host a Trunk-or-Treat event on Halloween from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the clubhouse parking lot.

We are looking for volunteers to park in the clubhouse parking lot and pass out candy from your trunks. Acacia will supply the candy, or you can bring your own.

Costumes are encouraged!

Please call the office by October 20 if you would like to volunteer.



REMEMBER ALL HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS MUST BE TAKEN DOWN BY NOVEMBER 7

Next Up...

November 3rd – Deadline for Wolf Road Corridor survey

October 28th – Village-wide Halloween Event

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- or -
312-522-1115

Want a recycling toter? Call SBC and give them your address – they deliver!

Blue bags are available in the office

Acacia Association

111 Cascade Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525
708-246-2400

www.acacia-ihp.org
acaciaihp@gmail.com

MORE HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS!



The Village of Indian Head Park will host a Ghouls and Goblins event on October 28 at Blackhawk Park from 3:00pm – 7:00pm.

Don't miss the pet costume contest at 10:30am at Sacagawea Park!



Halloween Trick-or-Treat From 3:30pm – 7:00pm

Costume Safety

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- Opt for nontoxic Halloween makeup over masks, which can obscure vision; always test makeup in a small area first to see if any irritation develops
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

Safety Tips for Motorists

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

When They're on the Prowl

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home.

Risky is Still Missing!

Bobbette Pulliam is asking for help locating her cat, Risky, who is still missing.

She is offering a substantial reward for any information that may help bring Risky home again.

Thanks for keeping an eye out and please call the office if you have any information on his location.



FOOD DRIVE – November 9th

Share Food Share Love is a community-invested food pantry.

They envision a time, not far off, when neighbors are uplifted from hunger, because enough of us came together to uplift all of us.

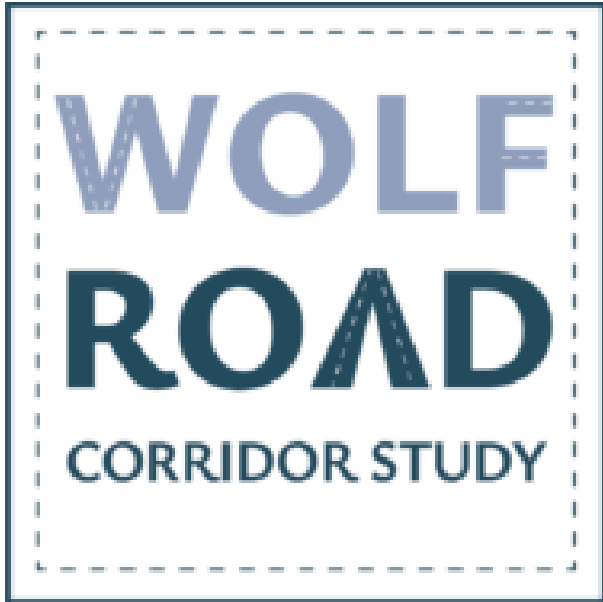
Acacia will host a food drive on their behalf on Thursday, November 9 at the Clubhouse. Tables will be set up outside the clubhouse door so feel free to drop your donations until 6:00pm.

Share Food Share Love would like to ask for an emphasis on personal care items, cereal, and jelly. They also accept gift cards so they can purchase the supplies their clients need.

- Thank you

ALCC Reminder – November 1 Gazebos / Sunshades

Temporary deck/patio gazebos or sunshades may be erected May 1 and must be completely removed, including all framing, by November 1.



At the October village board meeting, it was announced that the dates for comments and application for CAC were changed from what we have sent out and some other information was shared.

A reminder that all residents are encouraged to participate in a survey regarding the proposed improvements along Wolf Road.

[Wolf Road Public Survey \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)
(Ctrl+Click to follow the link)

NEW DATES FOR WOLF ROAD INPUT

The dates for comments, feedback and application for the CAC have been extended until Friday, November 3, 2023.

Residents can view comments posted on the website ([wolfroadstudy.com](https://www.wolfroadstudy.com)) and react to them, agree or disagree with them.

Study Team will be sending postcards to all residents with information on the Wolf Road Project.

If you wish to leave a voicemail with your comments you can call 779-803-4285.

If you wish to send in your comments they can be sent to:

Wolf Road Phase I Study Team
c/o RM Chinn and Associates
500 West 18th Street, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 660616

For more detailed information you can view the October 12, 2023 Village Board meeting on their Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Mosaic Holiday Class

Date: Saturday, November 11

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

(approximately)

Cost: \$85.00

An exciting holiday event is happening at Acacia Clubhouse!

A local mosaic artist is offering an opportunity to learn a new art form and it is amazing! No art background is necessary and it's simple enough to learn in just one class! She will walk us through the process of designing, prepping, gluing and grouting. Everything you need to create the project of your choice is provided, including a huge selection of holiday shards - pieces of ceramic, porcelain and pottery dishware as well as assorted bead strands and jewelry. You can choose to mosaic a Christmas tree, a snowman, stars or angel.



**A \$50 deposit is required by November 4 to secure your spot (cash or check made payable to Lisa Tolbert.)
The remainder can be paid the day of class.**

Please contact Diane Voyles 708-214-8141 if you have questions or to sign up.

See next page for samples.



MOSAIC SAMPLES



Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting

October 10, 2023

The Board of Directors Meeting of October 10, 2023, was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Joe Consolo

Directors in attendance were President Joe Consolo, Vice President Jen Cione, Treas. Wayne Dubin, Secretary Melissa Allison, Directors Amy Eckert, Bill King, Peggy Rose Kwiatek, and Jen Cagney. Absent: Ben Boyd

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting. Amy Eckert / Wayne Dubin 8/0/1.

Jen Cione opens with a reminder that the board is a volunteer organization who work on behalf of the residents of Acacia with the goal being to keep costs down for all. She reminds the group that the volunteer board receives no compensation and, in fact, pays the same assessment amount as everyone else. She reminds the group that we are all neighbors, and she would like less animosity directed at the board who work very hard to maintain Acacia as a self-directed community.

Treasurer's Report

Income	\$ 99,920	Assessments, late fees. closing fees, etc.
Expenses	\$118,340	
Capital Expense	0	None this month
Transfer to Capital	\$ 6,000	
NET INCOME	<u>(\$ 24,420)</u>	

As of September 30, 2023

Operating Accounts	\$448,257
Capital Reserves	<u>\$326,676</u>
Total Reserves	\$774,933

At the close of September there are 26 accounts past due for a total of \$6,917 due to missed assessment payments. late fees, and fines. None of our accounts are in attorney's hands.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as prepared by staff: Wayne Dubin / Amy Eckert

Clubhouse Director's Report

There were 3 clubhouse rentals in the month of September. Our second Bunco night of the season was held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse. Hostesses bringing snacks that night were Kathy Ochs and Diane Kouba. They did a beautiful Halloween themed

spread. Our next Bunco night will be on Wednesday, November 8th because of Election Day. New players are invited.

A trunk-or-treat event is being planned for Halloween in Acacia. Volunteers will park in the clubhouse parking lot and hand out candy to children from their vehicle's trunks on Halloween from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Costumes are encouraged. Please call the office by Oct. 20th if you would like to volunteer to pass out candy from your trunk. Candy will be supplied by the Acacia clubhouse, or you may bring your own.

Melissa Allison and I have met to consider a new look for the clubhouse locker rooms. We would like to have them painted and updated, along with any repairs that are needed.

Recreation Director's Report

Based on the industry shortage of lifeguards and Chicagoland Pool's inability to consistently provide staffing to us, we have made the decision not to renew the pool maintenance contract with Chicagoland Pools. We are evaluating all of our pool operating procedures, including a "swim at your own risk" policy which is in line with most of the other HOAs, as well as other changes which will allow us to operate more efficiently.

Grounds Director's Report

Patience is a Virtue

Six new trees were planted this past month. These trees were requested by residents several months ago. We waited until the trees were on sale at the nursery for half price. All six trees are over 8 feet tall with trunks in excess of two and a half inches.

Motion to approve fertilizing of our grounds next year by Forevergreen at a cost of \$3,000 for each application or a total cost of \$6,000. Bill King / Peggy Rose Kwiatek. 8/0/1

We are putting \$9,000 in the budget. We have a very serious situation, with an invasive weed — creeping charlie. It is taking over our lawns in many locations. Forevergreen will be doing a late spring application of fertilizer with a weed killer that will get rid of the creeping charlie - for three or four weeks and then it will return, Then Forevergreen will return and treat all, the areas that have the weed at a cost to be determined by the size of the areas that need to be treated. This should permanently eliminate about 90% of the weed. They will again return after about a month to destroy what charlie is left. The early fall application of fertilizer will also contain a weed killer. Creeping charlie can be controlled but constant effort is needed.

Townhome Maintenance Directors Report

The Townhome maintenance crew are working on Tanglewood and should be finished By October 18th. Hats off to each of them working with one man short.

The 27 driveways being replaced should be finished by Friday the 6th.

The quote for garage door panel replacement has been received – Doors will be ordered and installation dates determined by 16th.

I will be scheduling a townhouse meeting to discuss the Budget for 2024 and what ideas I have for the next year. The meeting date and time will be posted on Acacia web site.

Village Relations Report

September 14, 2023 Village Board Meeting:

Wolf Road

□ The website (wolfroadstudy.com) for all information regarding the improvements to Wolf Road is now up and running. Included on the website is a survey that the village is encouraging everyone to complete. This is the only way to express your concerns and ideas about Wolf Road improvements.

□ Citizens Advisory Council - applications for the CAC can be found and completed on the website. They have revised the date to be submitted too November 3rd (from October 20th) for consideration. Final decision on members will take place the end of November.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 28th the village is hosting a Halloween Event. Activities will include a costume parade for pets in Sacajawea Park in the morning, costume parade for kids in the afternoon at Blackhawk Park, spider house, corn maze, popcorn, vendors selling food and beer and more. More information will be sent as plans are finalized.

Road Construction:

The bridge over Flagg Creek on south Wolf Road will be closed for repairs for 3 weeks sometime between October 1st and November 30th. During this time Wolf Road will be closed in both directions – just not sure right now what the detour will be as the county has not given final dates or a map yet. The Village will share that information as soon as it receives it.

Architecture & Landscape Committee Report

Projects approved to start = 8

Projects completed and inspected = 8

Welcome Baskets Report

No welcome baskets were delivered this month. Remember, if you have recently moved to Acacia, please contact the office for a welcome basket visit.

Office Report

We are currently finishing the Audit and finalizing our budget.

Old Business

New Business

Homeowners Forum

Question from Lee Bowers – 2 Stonehearth

Will there be a sidewalk on the northern part of Cascade to reach the park or go around the subdivision? It is highly unsafe with people walking dogs in the street, walking on both left and right sides in a curving road. How about a line painted like a bicycle path for walking on one side only in the interim? The sidewalk on the southern section is used often and safe.

Answer – We believe this is a village issue. Amy Eckert will ask at the next meeting.

Question from Joan McNamara – 17 Elmwood Square

I've heard that the landscaping crew is no longer taking care of our outdoor landscaping. We are to hire someone to do it. If so, the fee for the previous contract work was taken out of our monthly bill to Acacia. Will the cost for this service be reduced from our monthly bill?

Answer – Acacia does not maintain private gardens of the residences, however, if you have inherited a garden that you do not want to maintain, please let the office know and we will remove it and plant grass.

Question from Karen Neeley

When is the official date & time for kids to Trick or Treat in Acacia?

Answer – Halloween Trick-or-Treating hours are from 3:30pm – 7:00pm

Patrick Ferguson – 48 Elmwood

Patrick's family thanks the board for the efforts. He asks permission to have his lawn power-raked – permission is granted. He says he has an issue with creeping Charlie. Bill responds that the Grounds crew is addressing this problem at Acacia.

Jack Brandush - Deercrest

Jack discourages the Recreation team from implementing a "swim at your own risk" policy due to the large number of kids residing at Acacia.

Diane Voyles – 49 Briarwood

Diane asks if anyone required a save at the pool this year. Amy responds yes, two lifeguards were required to save someone this year. Recreation responds that this was not documented in an incident report.

Diane asks about capital projects this year. Wayne replies coping. Diane says coping was to be paid for from operating reserves. She thinks capital planning is falling by the wayside and asks what capital projects are being planned.

Vonda Schure - Cascade

Vonda asks if the fertilizer is pet-friendly. Bill responds that he will ask, but also notes that they put flags down when they apply fertilizer. *Bill spoke with the fertilizing company and their response was that they are pet-friendly so long as residents give it one hour to dry before allowing pets on the affected area.*

Tom McKirchy

Tom tells the board that he asked not to have his yard fertilized yet they did it anyway. Amy Eckert notes that the fertilizer was on her driveway. Patrick Ferguson suggests we should apply liquid fertilizer. Bill responds that he is working with the crew foreman from the fertilizing company to determine the proper schedule. He reminds the group that our Grounds did not deteriorate overnight, and it will take a few seasons to get it back in shape.

Mike Rohloff

Mike was at the last Board meeting to complain about the trimming at his house and came back this month to tell the board that the trimming was done and he wants to thank the crew. Mike also suggests it is time to publish a new Acacia directory and asks us to look at the cost of printing for all residents.

Maureen Lang

The Lang's are moving and want to thank the board for making Acacia a great community.

Motion to close Open Session and go to Executive Session – Joe Consolo / Melissa Allison

Motion to close Executive Session and Return to Open Session – Melissa Allison / Peggy Rose Kwiatek

Motion to close Open Session – Melissa Allison / Wayne Dubin



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