

# THE ACACIA TIMES

*A Monthly Insight into the Happenings at Acacia*

October 2022

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## SBC Garbage Pickup

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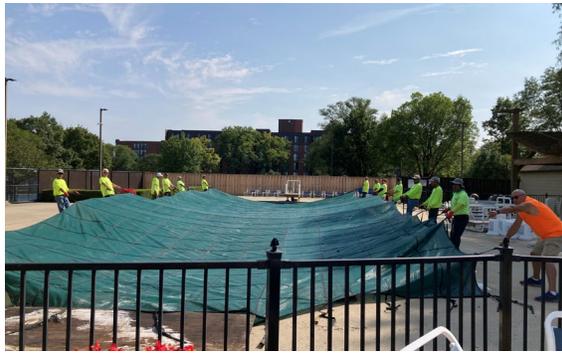
## New Office Hours

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

The next Board meeting is  
Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
due to the election on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT THE POOL!



They say it takes a village...and it's true! It takes every single one of our Acacia crew to work together to close the pool. First, the tarp is carefully unfolded and spread across the length of the pool. Then it gets secured by clamps that attach to the surrounding cement keeping it protected all winter.

## End of Season Crew Party



On October 7 we hosted the annual end-of-season party for the crew, and celebrated Jose on his 15 years of service to Acacia.

## REMEMBER ALL HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS MUST BE TAKEN DOWN BY NOVEMBER 7

Next Up...

### Halloween Trick-or-Treating

Monday, October 31st  
Trick-or-Treat hours are from 3:00 – 7:00

### Election at the Clubhouse

Tuesday, November 8

## Upcoming Events:

### Last Call for Service Requests

A reminder that some of the crew will be leaving soon. We are going to try to get all Service Requests completed so please get your requests into the office no later than October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Halloween Trick-or-Treat

From 3:00pm – 7:00pm



### November Election at the Clubhouse



Acacia's clubhouse will once again be a polling place for the election on November 8.

For more information on voting in Illinois, please visit <https://www.elections.il.gov>

### 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.

## Acacia Social Committee

Acacia is starting a Social Committee made up of residents to plan and organize holiday parties and events for the Acacia community to be held at the clubhouse.

Examples would be a Christmas Party, New Year's Eve party, etc. If interested in joining the Social Committee, please contact the office.



## 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 has a new Website and Facebook page?

In August, we launched a new website for the Acacia Homeowner's Association – same web address – just a new look. Our goal was to present the information in an easy to navigate format and to breath new life into the website so that it reflects all the unique features that Acacia has to offer.

Patti Chiapetta is working on a Facebook page for the Association that will further enhance our ability to reach our residents with news and events that are happening in the area. More on that next month!

## The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting October 11, 2022

The Board of Directors Meeting of October 11, 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, Tom Herley, Joe Consolo, and Patti Chiapetta. Absent: Jennifer Cione

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by: Amy Eckert, Lyn McMillin- 8/0/1 motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report – Diane Voyles

Income	\$95,335.00	(assessments, late fees, closing fees, etc.)
Expenses	\$129,336.89	
Capital Expense		None this month
Transfer to Capital	<u>6,000.00</u>	
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-\$40,002.00</b>	

As of September 30, 2022:

Operating Accounts	\$414,566.38
Restricted Reserve	\$285,522.59

At the close of September there are 21 accounts past due for a total of \$9,713 due to missed assessment payments, late fees and fines. Two accounts are in attorney's hands. These 2 comprise over half of the outstanding debt.

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**

On 9/21 the new Financial Committee met consisting of 3 board members and 2 homeowners. We agreed on the following as our Mission Statement:

**“The Mission of the Acacia Financial Committee is to enhance the financial health of Acacia by recommending investments and projects that ensure and provide for the future stability of the Association.”**

After committee review of current financial status and investments and long-term projects, we determined that the CDs that expire in October will be rolled into our current checking account until the preliminary budget is approved. The next committee meeting will be on 10/19 and we will decide how/where and how much of the available operating reserves to invest.

### **Budgeting schedule:**

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

11/09 - Board Meeting (Wednesday due to election). Finalize budget and vote on assessment amount

12/13 - Board Meeting - Adopt Budget

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as prepared by staff. Ben Boyd, Peggy Rose Kwiatek 8/0/1

## **Clubhouse Director's Report – Peggy Rose Kwiatek**

There were 2 clubhouse rentals in the month of September.

Our first Bunko night was held on Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. We had a great turn-out, and everyone enjoyed being together and playing Bunko. Thank you to Kathy who brought a big bag of Halloween candy. Bunko meets every first Tuesday of the month.

## **Clubhouse Director's Report – Peggy Rose Kwiatek**

After Perma Seal came out to fix our leaky clubhouse foundation, another leak was discovered after a heavy rain. After further inspection by Jose, a long horizontal crack was discovered behind the lockers in the girl's locker room. It couldn't be seen before until Jose took down all the lockers from the wall. Perma Seal was called out again and repaired the crack for an additional \$4,471.82. We should be good now and free of any leaking.

The Acacia Crew Party was held on Friday, October 7 at the clubhouse to thank the entire crew for their hard work this past year. It was a great year with no accidents and everyone staying healthy which lowered our Workman's Comp premiums. We also honored Jose Rivera for completing his 15th year of working at Acacia. Many residents wrote in to say how much they appreciated Jose for all of his good works and kindness. These testimonials were read at the crew party by board members, Joe, Ben and Peggy Rose. The crew was treated to a delicious Mexican lunch, drinks and cake for dessert. Thank you also to Alberta Mytys for baking 2 huge trays of chocolate chip cookies for the party.

Acacia will again be holding its annual Food Drive on Thursday, November 17 from 8 am to 6 pm. Tables will be outside of the clubhouse. Please stop by anytime during these hours to donate food, baby items such as diapers, and/or paper products. The donated items go to the "Share Food, Share Love" food pantry. Make someone else's Thanksgiving a happy one!

## **Recreation Facilities Director's Report – Amy Eckert**

Pool has been winterized and covered for the season.

Courts remain open and lighted at night. They will be locked in mid-November. PLEASE, if there is any snow on the courts do not attempt to shovel or remove it – just do not use the courts until it has melted. Shoveling risks damaging the court surface.

Lately there have been many children climbing the fence to get into the park or courts. PLEASE remind your children that they are not to climb the fences around the park or courts; it's dangerous and can easily cause an injury. Keys are available in the office for a \$10.00 deposit.

Motion to accept pool contract from Chicagoland Pool Management in the amount of \$42,988 for the 2023 pool season. Amy Eckert, Ben Boyd 8/0/1

## **Grounds Maintenance Director's Report– Joe Consolo**

Since the last Board meeting, we completed 35 grounds service requests.

We purchased \$235.52 in gas for the truck.

We purchased \$615.37 worth of gas for the lawn machines and carts.

We had the end of the year crew party on 10/7/22. We also acknowledged and thanked Jose for his fifteen years of service. A number of residents submitted letters talking about their positive dealings with Jose over the years. The Board members at the party took turns reading the letters out loud.

Blue Bags are provided by SBC to be used for recyclables. SBC delivers blue bags the first and third Friday of the month. Please call when you are getting very low. We have blue bags in the office, if you run out until SBC is able to deliver them. We hand out a few at a time to get our residents by until SBC can get them delivered. Blue bags may be requested from SBC by phone or email. SBC tracks all requests on their computer which is why they ask that requests be made by phone or email. Please identify yourself as an Acacia Resident, since we are the only customers SBC provides blue bags for.

When calling SBC for a bulk pick up, please identify yourself as an Acacia Resident. The person taking the call does not always recognize your address as being in Acacia. Our contract calls for free bulk pick up and no stickers. Other areas in Indian Head Park have to pay such fees.

Thursday, November 24, which is Thanksgiving Day, is the next major holiday that will cause garbage pick up to be moved back a day. Garbage pick-up for that week will be Saturday, November 26, 2022.

Motion to remove 8 trees, trim 3 trees, and grind 1 stump for a total of \$4,615.00. Joe Consolo, Ben Boyd 8/0/1

## **Townhome Maintenance Director's Report – Ben Boyd**

Completed 25 townhome service requests

Received and prepped wood delivered from Hillside and Standard Lumber

Power washing for the paint cycle has been completed

Carpenters for the paint cycle are currently 17 to 23 Westwood

Stucco repairs for paint cycle are currently at 27 to 33 Westwood

Painters are currently at 65 to 73 Westwood

## **Townhome Maintenance Director's Report – Ben Boyd**

Coping project which is beginning at 15 to 19 Elmwood has been slowed because of material availability

Met with Inside Out Painting to discuss the addition of another crew for painting on 10/6

Purchased \$235.52 gas for truck

End of year crew party was held on 10/7

## **Village Relations Director's Report – Patti Chiapetta**

Nothing to report this month.

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

**Projects approved to start = 5**

**Projects completed and inspected = 2**

Halloween decorations MUST be taken down by Monday, November 7th. If they are still out after then you risk being fined. Halloween decorations include: carved pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, witches, ghosts, spider webs, colored lights, etc.

Fall decorations can remain out until the end of Thanksgiving weekend, November 27th. If they are still out after then you risk being fined. Fall decorations include: uncarved pumpkins, fall leaves, hay bales, mums, etc.

Christmas and winter decorations can be put out beginning November 25th. If you want to put up ONLY lights while the weather is nice you can, but they must NOT BE TURNED ON UNTIL FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25th. Anything earlier than that and you may be fined.

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

## **Welcome Baskets Report – Peggy Rose Kwiatek**

One welcome basket was delivered to a new resident at 232 Cascade. We had a lovely visit and Acacia's guidelines and amenities were explained. The new resident expressed her appreciation for the basket of goodies. Remember, if you have recently moved to Acacia, you may contact the office for a welcome basket visit.

# Acacia Office Report – Amy Eckert

Electronic motion to contract with TMC<sup>2</sup> for IT services for the office and shop computers for the initial amount of \$2,100.00 (for 12 months). Amy Eckert, Diane Voyles 6/0/3 motion passed.

TMC2 came out on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin the initial evaluation of our systems and install the necessary software for backup and remote monitoring. We should be getting the report on the status of our 3 computers sometime this week.

Electronic motion that we increase the hourly rate for clubhouse attendants for party rentals and office attendants when subbing to \$14.00 per hour, effective today, September 19, 2022.

Amy Eckert, Patti Chiappetta 7/0/2 motion passed.

## Homeowner Forum

Kathleen of Elmwood Ct. came to express her concern about water seeping up through her foundation. Amy recommended completing a Service request to further assess the situation.

## New and On-Going Business

Amy Eckert read Betty Sloan's suggestion for Styrofoam recycling:

"A monthly collection of clean Styrofoam happens the first Saturday of the month sponsored by the First Congregation of Western Springs. Drive-up, no need to get out of your car. This is located at Western Springs Rec center from 9:00am – Noon."

Amy Eckert noted that we are undergoing an audit and our CPA has sent a draft for review.

Peggy Rose Kwiatek asked if we want to host Cookies with Santa again. Amy suggested checking with the Village to see when they are scheduling their event.

Amy asked Peggy Rose if she would be interested in chairing a Social Committee for Acacia to plan events for residents.

Amy regretted not being here for the Crew Party, but wanted to express her appreciation for Jose and all that he has done for Acacia for the past 15 years.

Resident at 5 Briarwood asks the board to consider allowing him to remove a tree from the common area that is damaging his property.

Maureen came out to thank the board for their efforts.

**Motion to Adjourn Open Session and move to Executive Session**– Amy Eckert, Peggy Rose Kwiatek 8/0/1

**Motion to Close Executive Session and return to Open Session** – Amy Eckert, Patti Chiapetta 8/0/1

During Executive Session the board voted on a tree issue at 5 Briarwood. The board voted to allow the resident to remove the tree on common property at their own expense. Motion to allow tree removal at 5 Briarwood – 8/0/1 Amy Eckert, Joe Consolo

**Motion to Adjourn Open Session** – Amy Eckert Peggy Rose Kwiatek 8/0/1



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### **Acacia Sales September 2022**

<b>1 Nacona</b>	<b>\$345,000</b>
<b>5 Sweetwood</b>	<b>\$365,000</b>
<b>4 Hawthorne</b>	<b>\$295,000</b>

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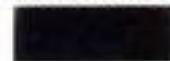
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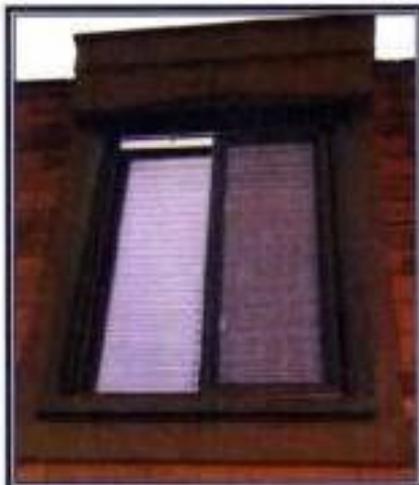


Exterior Bronze



Other color combinations  
available upon request

Exterior Cocoa



Actual Acacia Project  
Photos

