

THE ACACIA TIMES

A Monthly Insight into the Happenings at Acacia

July 2023

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Acacia Association

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Acacia Association

Crew Members Available for Side Work

Acacia's Grounds Crew is available if you need extra work performed around your home or garden. See the list below for more information.

Flavio Tena: (708) 682-0171

Victor Tena: (708) 527-6349

Maintaining Gardens/yards
Planting/removing trees and bushes
Pot planting, Mulch in gardens/trees
Trimming bushes
Painting and power washing decks
Power washing patios/walkways
Moving furniture
Placing PVC pipe in ground for gutters
Cleaning out gutters
Clean weeds

Javier (708) 514-4779

Yard work
Painting
Deck Staining
Power Washing

Next Up...

August 1st - National Night Out to
be held in Blackhawk Park.

Jose Antonio

Ambria Herrera: (773) 655-7086

Sergio Tinoco: (708) 963-7558

Roy Rosales: (630) 880-9420

Paint In/Out
Repair decks and balconies
Repair roofing
Drywall
Woodwork (Carpenter)
Patio Work
Clean and repair gutters
Paint decks

Edgar Murillo (708) 315-3559

Juan Murillo (708) 616-2014

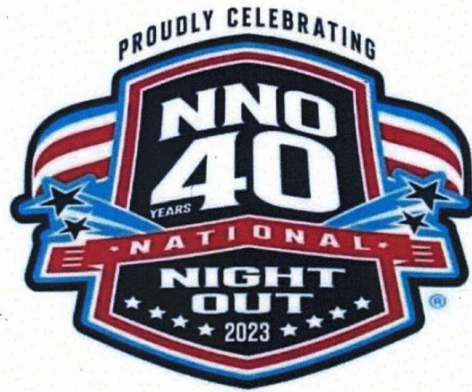
Various Landscape Work
Tree trimming, planting and removal

August 5th – Movie in the Park -
Lightyear

Upcoming Events:



Antique Model A Ford display
Salt Creek Model A Ford Club



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Dave DiNaso's
*Traveling World
Of Reptiles*

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OBSTACLE
CHALLENGE**

Tuesday August 1st

All Indian Head Park residents, organizations and businesses are invited to join our "Team Night Out 2023" at Blackhawk Park. A night where the Village joins together to form a partnership and build a safer community.

Schedule of Events:

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy refreshments, music, giveaways, and raffles while roaming the business fair

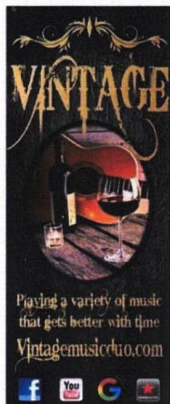
6:00 - 8:15 p.m.

The music group VINTAGE will take the pavilion



8:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Outdoor movie in the park



Contact Ofc. Rob Verber, Community Relations Officer, for additional information: rverber@indianheadpark-il.gov



Upcoming Events:



National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1
Blackhawk Park
5:00pm

Activities include an Air Ambulance landing, animal/reptile presentation, Touch-A-Truck, Fire and Police Department vehicles. There will be a movie shown at dusk. Many local vendors will have booths throughout the park.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Note: The Acacia parking lot will be used for “Touch a Truck” and Model cars display so all cars need to be removed by 4:30pm. Current plans are to close Cascade Drive from Acacia Drive to Briarwood. Briarwood will remain open.

Movie in the Park
Saturday, August 5
Blackhawk Park
7:00pm

Bring your chairs and blankets and join your neighbors for another Movie in the Park hosted by the Village of Indian Head Park.

Legendary space ranger Buzz Lightyear embarks on an intergalactic adventure alongside ambitious recruits Izzy, Mo, Darby, and his robot companion, Sox. As this motley crew tackles their toughest mission yet, they must learn to work together as a team to escape the evil Zurg and his dutiful robot army that are never far behind.



| Pool Stats | May | June |
|------------|-----|-------|
| Residents | 251 | 1,203 |
| Guests | 73 | 342 |
| Total | 324 | 1,545 |

Summer is in full swing with over 1,500 people enjoying our beautiful swimming pool!

Upcoming Events:



United States
Consumer Product Safety Commission

Fireworks Injuries & Deaths

2022 REPORT

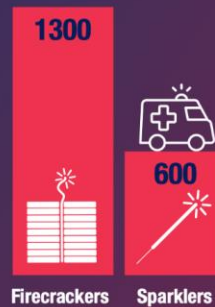
#CelebrateSafely

Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- ★ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips: [cpsc.gov/fireworks](https://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

How & When Injuries Occurred

2022 Injuries
by Firework Type



73%

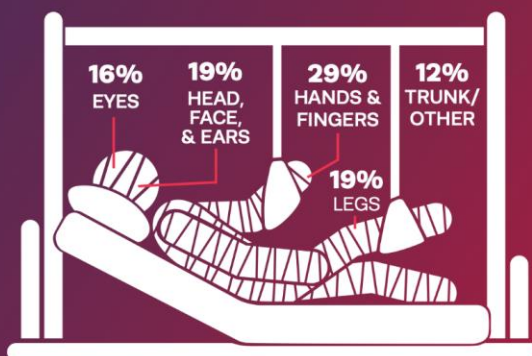
of injuries occurred
in the weeks before &
after the July 4th holiday



Most Injured Body Parts



38% of the injuries were
burns



Injuries & Deaths



10,200

people were
treated in ERs
for fireworks injuries in 2022

11 Deaths
from Fireworks in 2022



Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission 2022 Fireworks Annual Report



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The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting

July 11, 2023

The Board of Directors Meeting of July 11, 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, Ben Boyd, Amy Eckert, Bill King, and Peggy Rose Kwiatek.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by: Peggy Rose Kwiatek, Ben Boyd 7/1/0

Homeowner's Forum

Betty Sloan - 9 Elmwood

Betty saw a post on the Nextdoor app indicating that surrounding associations were unhappy with Tru Green's service and asked about our experience. Bill responded that that he is not happy with them because they are far behind schedule.

Patrick Ferguson – 48 Elmwood Court

Patrick thanked the Board members for their hard work and dedication. He remarked that the grounds are looking much better than last summer, and adds that he believes Acacia should incorporate strict timetables into our contracts for fertilizer applications, and to withhold payment for applications that are not applied in a timely manner.

Mike Rohloff – 35 Briarwood

Mike asked if we can get the Village involved to update the storm drain maps.

Kathleen Creighton – 35 Elmwood

Kathleen asked if the grounds crew could look at 31 Elmwood Court. Everything else is mulched except that address. The resident is elderly and asks if the crew could take a look.

Anonymous resident via Amy Eckert

Can we hire the KONA ice truck again? The board will investigate if this is possible and at what cost.

Anonymous residents at Water Aerobics class via Amy Eckert

The residents at water aerobics class noted that the pool appeared to have a ring around the edge. Wayne answered that he is treating an algae issue and the ring is coming off. (Algae is a common problem with pools during periods of excessive heat and rainfall.) Wayne further noted that we he did an inventory of the Pump Room. We have an over-supply of pool chemicals and

he does not understand why we would have ordered so much more than we need of an expensive chemical. Amy responded that they had trouble with the pool last year and perhaps that is why it was ordered. She suggested that we could sell it to another pool.

Resident questions from email

Q: Why don't the workers come around and blow the grass off the sidewalks and driveways anymore? Are the workers going to pull the weeds around the trees? The mulch didn't keep them from growing. A compliment: the playground looks great! Thanks for mulching it!

Lynda McMillin

A: The crew is working on pulling weeds around the bushes and trees. Bill will check on grass clippings not being blown.

Q: Would it be possible to keep the pool open till the end of September this year by having adults sign a waiver after the guards go back to school? We have done this in the past with the adults and it has worked out very well.

Anita Holub

A: The pool will not remain open beyond Labor Day. We have not budgeted for chemicals and the pool closing process requires the crew.

Q: Will there still be a Financial Committee comprised of resident? I would be extremely interested in being involved. You can do the vetting process like the Village does for their committees.

Susan Herley

A: The Treasurer is planning on starting the Financial Committee in September.

Treasurer's Report

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| Income | \$102,565 | Assessments, late fees. closing fees, etc. |
| Expenses | \$130,719 | |
| Capital Expense | 0 | None this month |
| Transfer to Capital | \$6,000 | |
| NET INCOME | <u>(\$34,155)</u> | |

As of June 30, 2023

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Operating Accounts | \$518,145 |
| Capital Reserves | <u>\$306,967</u> |
| Total Reserves | \$825,112 |

At the close of June there are 20 accounts past due for a total of \$9,644 due to missed assessment payments. late fees, and fines. Two of these accounts are in attorney's hands.

The Financial Committee is tentatively planned to begin again in September.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as prepared by staff: Ben Boyd, Amy Eckert 8/0/0

Clubhouse Director's Report

There were 5 clubhouse rentals and one pool rental in the month of June.

The Acacia Garage Sale was held on June 16 & 17. 23 townhomes participated in the event. 5 maps outlining the participating homes were given to each of the sellers to pass out to customers. I visited all of the homes during the two days and got very good feedback from the sellers. The weather was great and the event was very successful.

After being given the go-ahead for the clubhouse kitchen remodeling at the last board meeting, a resident came up and told us they had a contractor that had done their kitchen and he believed we could get a better price with him. So I made an appointment with the contractor and he came out to give me an estimate. It turned out that his price was the same as the company we chose, so we are going forward with the original company, Kitchen Tune-Ups, which the board already voted for. They will be drawing up the contract and sending it this week.

After polling the Acacia residents by mail about having a water aerobics class instructed by a professional teacher from the Oak Brook Park District at our pool, we had 18 people interested in the class. I contacted the teacher, Shelly Stirling, and we chose Mondays from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm during the months of July and August. 15 people showed up yesterday for the first class and enjoyed a good work out.

Recreation Director's Report

Pool attendance is going strong – July 4 we handed out ice cream and we plan to do this a couple more times over the duration of the pool season. Dates to be determined. Looking into an end of year event – ideas welcome. The back steps to the Clubhouse have been painted.

The two lifeguard tables at the pool entrance have been painted. Next to be painted are the two lifeguard podiums.

Grounds Director's Report

33 of 37 service requests have been completed. The remaining requests are drainage issues which we are working on.

With the return of rain, weekly lawn mowing has returned. Our lawns have come back from the drought and look as green as ever.

The crew got ahead on the trimming while not mowing as regularly. All the houses on the paint cycle are finished. The crew is now working their way around Acacia.

2 resident lampposts have been replaced. We are trying to obtain sensors for 2 other lampposts that remain on.

We are continuing to seed and water and are having success with growing grass. Once the larger areas are established, the smaller areas will be groomed and seeded.

The two islands at the entrances are watered daily and weeded.

The process of removing grass from the cracks in the curbing will continue.

The unsightly gravel patch at the end of Pembroke next to the path has been removed, new dirt placed, and the area seeded.

A tree on Elmwood fell during a recent storm and needed emergency removal.

We have 11 tree stumps that need to be ground out. We want to grind them out now so that we can plant grass seed there now. We will soon be seeking tree trimming quotes but the trimming might be done in the fall or winter which is not a good time for seeding. I propose that we hire Family Tree service to grind out 11 tree stumps at a cost not to exceed \$750. We are doing very well in staying within our budget. We have spent less than 20% of our budget for gas for our truck. We have a request from the resident at 1 Tanglewood to replace the flagstone in her front garden with a long stone ledges. No objection noted.

Motion to remove 11 tree stumps at a cost of \$750.00. Bill King, Ben Boyd 8/0/0

Townhome Maintenance Directors Report

18 homes on Cascade (102 to 136) are in process of being painted. These 18 will be coped in next two weeks.

Townhome Maintenance crew is currently working on the 22 Townhomes on Sweetwood Court.

2023 Reseal Project will start on July12 with the Clubhouse parking lot being resealed and re-stripped.

Then the 192 individual drives will be started- depending on the weather we should be finished with the drives in 7 days.

They will start on Heatherwood Court, Button Wood, Cascade # 208, Stratford CT skipping fire damaged #9, Cascade 205 to 245, Pembroke, Hawthorn SQ, Elmwood SQ, Elmwood CT skipping 26-28-41-43-48 that are having drives replaced, Westwood CT, Westwood DR, Cherrywood,

Cascade 5,3,1, Nacoma.

Residents having resale need to have cars moved onto street – IHP Police will not ticket you for street parking BUT will ticket you if your car does not have new Village sticker that was due to be placed on car windshield no later than June 30, 2023.

IF YOUR CAR IS NOT MOVED WE WILL SKIP YOUR DRIVEWAY AND ADD YOU TO THE 2024 LIST.

The next project will be the replacement of 27 drives- I will inform these residents of the start date for work to commence.

Village Relations Report

Tuesday, August 1st - National Night Out - events start at 5:00 in Blackhawk Park

Here are some highlights scheduled for our first National Night Out

- Touch a Truck
- Antique Model A Viewing
- Reptile Show
- Ambulance Helicopter Landing
- Law Enforcement K-9
- Bouncy House & Obstacle Course

5:00pm – 8:00 pm Enjoy refreshments, music, giveaways, and raffles while roaming the fair

6:00pm - 8:15 pm The music group VINTAGE will perform in the gazebo

8:30 – 11:00 pm Movie Night in Blackhawk Park

Reminder that the Acacia parking lot and Cascade Drive from Acacia Drive to Briarwood will be blocked off for the festivities.

Saturday, August 5th - SEASPAR and Village of IHP picnic and Movie in the Park -

They will be showing the movie Lightyear.

Other News:

The Board of Trustees approved the Employment Agreement of our new Village Administrator in a Special Board Meeting on June 29, 2023. Mr. Gavin Morgan will join the Village of IHP as our new Village Administrator on Monday, July 24th.

July 7 - Village Officials and staff met with Cook County and Strand Assoc. to discuss the implementation of the Public Involvement Plan regarding Wolf Rd. Please subscribe to our app Simplicity and/or website ALERTS for future updates.

Architecture & Landscape Committee Report

Projects approved to start = 5

Projects completed and inspected = 4

ALCC approved our first solar panel project this month.

Welcome Baskets Report

One new welcome basket will be delivered this month to a new resident at 33 Heatherwood. The resident will email me her available times for the visit. Remember, if you have recently moved to Acacia, you may contact the office for a welcome basket visit.

Office Report

Liz and Judy are getting closer to completing the changeover to QuickBooks Online. The QuickBooks Core Payroll service is up and running. They are learning more each day about how to operate the new systems.

We have added additional names to our list of our crew members and what types of side-work they are willing to do for residents on their off-duty hours.

Homeowners Forum

Patrick Ferguson- 48 Elmwood

Patrick stated that new owners and renters are not aware of our website and do not have access to our newsletters. Amy stated that the office sends out a Welcome packet in addition to Peggy Rose's Welcome basket which includes all the information a new resident may need.

Mike Rohloff – 35 Briarwood

Mike noted that the driveway at 163 Cascade has snowplow damage to the driveway. Ben responded that Townhome Maintenance will look into it.

Vonda Schure – 149 Cascade

Vonda asked what the age limit is for children to be at the pool unaccompanied. Melissa stated 16 years old. Vonda suggested that we add birthdates to the pool passes because she see young people at the pool who are not 16. Vonda also asks if Acacia knows when a unit is going up for sale. Joe responds no, we only know of a sale after the contract is executed.

Betty Sloan – 9 Elmwood

Betty noted that there a lot of electrical boxes behind her house with shrubs surrounding them for camouflage and the shrubs are dying.

Judy Strawn – 178 Cascade

Judy asks if we are considering modifying the countertop in the Clubhouse kitchen from a two-tier to a continuous flat surface. Judy feels the two-tiered look is dated. Patrick Ferguson thinks a larger piece of stone would cost more, while Amy thinks the stone cost if offset by the fabrication charges. Peggy Rose agreed to ask the contractor about it.

Cleo Walters – 6 Nacona

Cleo stated that SBC missed a couple of recycle bins last Saturday morning so she called them and they said that they must have been put out too late. She asks what she should do next time. Bill answered, call the office and let us know.

Motion to close Open Session and go to Executive Session – Ben Boyd / Peggy Rose Kwiatek 8/0/0

Executive Session – Acacia HOA - July 11, 2023

Open session adjourned at 7:40 pm

Executive Session called to order at 7:47 pm

Present: Joe Consolo, Jennifer Cione, Wayne Dubin, Melissa Allison, Bill King, Ben Boyd, Amy Eckert, Peggy Rose Kwiatek

President Consolo made motion to replace open spot on board with Jennifer Cagney.

Joe will reach out and bring Jennifer on next meeting if she accepts.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:52 PM

Motion to close Executive Session and Return to Open Session – Ben Boyd / Peggy Rose Kwiatek 8/0/0

Motion to close Open Session – Ben Boyd / Peggy Rose Kwiatek 8/0/0



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