## THE ACACIA TIMES

A Monthly Insight into the Happenings at Acacia

### June 2023

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#### **SBC Garbage Pickup**

Residential@ SBCwastesolutions.com - or -312-522-1115

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

#### **Pool Hours**

Mon – Thur 12:00pm – 7:00pm Friday 12:00pm – 8:00pm Sat, Sun & Holidays 11:00am – 8:00pm

#### **Acacia Association**

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### Summer is in full swing at Acacia!

The Grounds crew is working hard on augmenting our soil and seeding the bare spots, weeding the common areas, and planting flowers at the clubhouse and entrances. There is more work to be done and Bill King has set up a garden committee to solicit input from residents on what plants will thrive in our environment. Please call the office if you'd like to be a part of the committee.

The Townhome maintenance team is out repairing homes on the paint cycle, and we are preparing to replace 27 driveways this summer. We will also re-seal a number of driveways.

The Recreation team has also been very busy getting the pool opened. The pool area has been rearranged to allow for more seating in the shade areas and new flowers make for a very inviting space. Thanks to everyone for working with us through the transition to our pool management system and remember to check out when you leave!

Next Up...

August 1<sup>st</sup> - National Night Out to be held in Blackhawk Park.

#### **Pool Pass Renewals:**

IMPORTANT! No one will be allowed to use the pool without an Acacia issued pool ID. Accounts must be up-to-date in order to issue or renew a pool pass.

#### **Process**

All residents must come to the clubhouse to show proof of residency before we can issue a pool pass.

**Renewing residents:** We would like all family members to come in for new photos. If this is not possible AND you are renewing, please bring last year's passes with you for any family member that will not be present. **Proof of residency** for current pool ID holders **must** be Illinois Drivers License or State ID with Acacia address for adults, and proof of school enrollment for children (ID card, report card or class schedule.)

**New Residents or those getting pool ID for first time:** all family members will need to come in and have pictures taken for pool ID. **Proof of residency** for new pool ID holders **must** be Illinois Drivers License and either Closing papers, a property tax bill, or utility bill with name and address.

**Renter Requirements:** you will need to have on file in the Acacia Office a copy of your current signed lease that shows dates and signatures as well as a signed copy of the Rules for Renters. These documents require signatures of both the owner and renter and can be found on our website at www.acacia-ihp.org/forms. Please call the office to make sure we have your documents on file.

If you have any questions about the above or if you feel you have special circumstances please contact the Acacia Office and your message will be given to the Recreation Committee. We will work with you to resolve any issues.

#### **Dates for Pool Passes**

Please call the office to make an appointment.

## **Summer Safety Reminders:**

When walking on the street make sure you face traffic

Watch for kids out playing or on scooters and bikes in the neighborhood

Children riding motorized scooters or bikes need to be very careful when riding on the streets - please don't ride in the middle of the street

Wear something reflective or carry a flashlight when walking at night

Slow down when driving through Acacia



## **Upcoming Events:**



Tuesday, August 1, 2023 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.



We are looking for a resident of Acacia who would like to be a party attendant for rental parties at the Clubhouse. It is a paid position.

Please contact the Acacia office if interested at 708-246-2400.



The Village's Paint and Electronics Recycling & Shred Event held in April was a huge success! In one day:

6,780 lbs of paint 3,490 lbs of electronics 3,427 lbs of paper

were recycled at the event. Thank you to all who participated in this responsible recycling program,.

## Acacia- Wide Garage Sale!



Friday, June 16 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Saturday, June 17** 9:00am - 3:00pm

#### **Briarwood**

5 Briarwood - Saturday Only

19 Briarwood

23 Briarwood

35 Briarwood - Friday Only

#### Cascade

118 Cascade

122 Cascade

167 Cascade

176 Cascade

181 Cascade

240 Cascade

## Cherrywood

13 Cherrywood

#### **Elmwood**

5 Elmwood

53 Elmwood

#### Hawthorne

3 Hawthorne

#### Heatherwood

29 Heatherwood

31 Heatherwood

#### Stonehearth

33 Stonehearth – motorized chair lift for the Dearborn model

#### **Sweetwood**

8 Sweetwood

9 Sweetwood

#### Westwood

27 Westwood

35 Westwood

53 Westwood

69 Westwood

# The Acacia Association 111 Cascade Drive, Indian Head Park, Illinois 60525-4496 Phone: 708-246-2400 Fax: 708-246-3495

June 5, 2023

To: The Village Board of Indian Head Park

Sent Via Email

In Re: Wolf Road Project

As the President of the Acacia Association, I request that the Acacia Association be recognized as an interested stakeholder in the Wolf Road project as identified in the Revised Project Program recently approve by the Indian Head Park Village Board. I also request that the Acacia Association have a representative in the PIP and CAC groups.

I also suggest that, if possible, there be a proactive plan in place to start planting bushes and landscaping prior to construction, so that all affected Associations and single-family homeowners along Wolf Road are not suddenly without any privacy once construction begins. Planting now would ensure that all plantings would be mature enough to provide privacy.

Sincerely,

Joseph Consolo President, Acacia Association

## The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting June 13, 2023

The Board of Directors Meeting of June 13, 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. Absent: Tom Herley

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by: Wayne Dubin / Ben Boyd 8/0/1

### **Homeowner's Forum**

#### Resident questions from email

Q: Will cleaning up the landscaping at the Acacia entrances be addressed this summer? We are willing to donate grasses and day lilies if wanted or needed. Lee and I are willing to help in any way we can. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leslie Buch 21 Deercrest Sq

A: Bill King responded that there is a garden committee that meets to discuss plans for the Grounds. Leslie and Bill will work together with the rest of the committee.

Q: I was wondering if we could do a bunco night by the pool once a month starting in June.

Anita Holub

8 Sweetwood

A: The board considered this but decided that Bunco is an indoor activity.

#### Julie Warren - 4 Stratford Court

Julie is concerned about the vacant properties in Acacia and the effect they may have on home values. She notes homes that have tall weeds, roof shingles falling off, and a tree growing down the chimney. Another that has a rotted deck, trash in yard, and bushes growing to the second story. She feels the homeowner should be responsible and asks if Acacia can do the work and bill it back to the homeowner.

#### Mike Ruhloff - 35 Briarwood

Mike wants to compliment the board for the work that has been done. The pool is warm and the

grounds look good. He sees a lot on his mail route and stated that when he reports problem areas that attention is given and the situations are remedied.

#### Anna Brown – 29 Cherrywood

Anna asks if the Acacia crew can routinely inspect the outsides of homes as many single women do not have the ability to inspect all areas of their homes. Anna also asked if she can have a permanent awning. Yes, so long as it is retractable back to the house and you have ALCC approval. Anna also asks if we can keep the pool open longer under a Swim at Your Own Risk policy. The board will discuss.

#### Leslie Buch – 21 Deercrest

Leslie provides the board with photos of planting ideas for the entrances and volunteers to be on the Garden committee.

#### Carol Mason - 23 Elmwood

Carol likes the idea of sending questions in advance to the board and asks Joe why her question was not included last month. Joe replies that it was a personnel issue and it is not to be publicly discussed.

#### Patrick Ferguson – 48 Elmwood

Patrick commends and thanks the board for their hard work. The Grounds are looking better and the recyclable and garbage toter has been a success for him. He notes that the mulch looks great but that the weeds are coming back. Bill King discusses pre-emergent treatments versus existing weeds that will need to be treated. Patrick also notes that the blue spruce tree that was planted in front of his house needs a wider margin for mulch so the trimmers don't damage the lower branches.

#### Patti Chiappetta – 26 Elmwood

Patti asks why we started cutting the grass so early, she thinks it's been cut too short for a drought. She also thinks the crew is not trimming and blowing properly. Patti noted that SBC has been telling residents if they have a toter they would not deliver blue bags. Joe Consolo addressed this with SBC and reminded them that those with toters may still have overflow recyclables which SBC agreed to. Incidentally, Jessie Cavanero and Julie Warren state that they had bags delivered to their homes. The office has a supply of blue bags if you need them.

#### Judy Strawn - 178 Cascade

Judy noted that the lawn looks like velvet, very lush and green. She also notes that the condition of our plantings is a function of weather and consistent maintenance.

#### Ed Najewski - 166 Cascade

Ed reminded the board that he stated his concerns about the grading at the back of his house and wants to know what has been done. Bill King responds that additional dirt was added to

raise the grade. Ed replies that this is not the solution, he believes the solution is to lower the catch basin. Bill will call Ed to meet him at the house to identify the issues and determine the correct solution. Amy suggests that they include the village in their discussions in case any of the work is the responsibility of, controlled by the village.

#### Cleo Walters – 6 Nacona Lane

Cleo asks the price for additional pool passes. Melissa responds that the office is selling a 10-pack of guests passes for \$50.00.

#### Vonda Schure - 149 Cascade

Vonda asks if we can change the colors of the front doors, and who is responsible for cleaning the pool area. The lifeguards are supposed to clean, but we have also made Lysol wipes available so folks can clean up after themselves.

#### Patrick Ferguson – 48 Elmwood

Patrick agrees with Ed Nakewski and he believes there are more properties experiencing water damage. Patrick suggests we hire an Engineering firm to assess the issues with grade and water, and says a band-aid approach is unacceptable. Bill King notes the environmental regulations changed during the course of construction leaving some homes more prone to flooding than others.

#### Amy Eckert - 102 Cascade

Amy notes that there is a home behind her house with many pots along the back that need to be moved. She also noted that the painters left some materials behind when they started prematurely and asked if they were going to be removed.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Income \$98,395.00 Assessments, late fees. closing fees, etc.

Expenses \$83,744.00

Capital Expense 0.00 None this month

Transfer to Capital \$6,000.00

NET INCOME \$8,651.00

As of May 31, 2023

Operating Accounts \$576,951.00
Capital Reserves \$295,030.00
Total Reserves \$871,981.00

At the close of May there are 24 accounts past due for a total of \$16,495.00 due to missed assessment payments. late fees, and fines. Six of these accounts are in attorney's hands.

The Financial Committee is "on hold."

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as prepared by staff: **Wayne Dubin/Ben Boyd - 8/0/1 motion passed**.

## **Clubhouse Director's Report**

There were 3 clubhouse rentals in the month of May.

Acacia will hold its annual Garage Sale for Friday, June 16th and Saturday, June 17th . The time will be from 9 am to 3 pm on both days. All Acacia townhomes are invited to participate in the garage sale. There is no cost to be included. Each participating home will be given maps of all the townhomes included in the sale to give out to customers. I have advertised the garage sale on Facebook, Next Door and Garage Sale Finders.

After inspecting the clubhouse locker rooms, Joe and I have decided that a clean up is needed, along with painting the wall of the women's locker room. After fixing the leak in the foundation behind the lockers last year, the wall was never finished. Joe will see if a crew member would be able to paint it. We will also check with our weekly cleaning service to see if we can add the locker rooms to her schedule for the summer.

We have received 3 quotes from different contractors for the remodeling of the clubhouse kitchen:

A full kitchen remodel (without appliances) from **Hanright Home Solutions** was estimated at \$40,075.00.

A full kitchen remodel (without appliances) from **Maple Valley Construction** was estimated at \$29,725.00.

A kitchen facelift from **Kitchen Tune-Up** was estimated at \$14,140.00. The facelift would included new doors on the existing cabinets, new counter tops and new sink.

Since our cabinets are wood and in good shape, I would recommend the kitchen facelift.

We are also looking into finishing the flooring project in the main clubhouse and kitchen area that had been started some years ago in the Great Room. The same company that upgraded the flooring in the Great Room has given us an estimate of \$17,120.00 to do the new flooring in the main clubhouse, offices and kitchen area with matching materials. I am asking if the board would like to go ahead with these projects.

Motion to proceed with kitchen face-lift and flooring project for Clubhouse with funds coming from Capital Expense 7/1/1

We are looking for a resident of Acacia who would like to be a party attendant for rental parties at the Clubhouse. It is a paid position. Please contact the Acacia office if interested.

## **Recreation Director's Report**

The pool opened to a glorious Memorial day weekend. The weather was perfect and we had over 300 people use the pool over the 3-day weekend. Things are off to a good start with the new check in system and we are continuing to make tweaks and improvements along the way.

We rearranged the tables and chairs this year to include a couple of tables under the awning to provide some shade and a table on the east side. These are for those who want to have a place to place their belongings and sit rather than have a lounger, but it does not mean just because a table is there that you can eat on the pool deck. Eating is still to be done only in the area in the pool area surrounded by the bushes on the patio just outside the pool gate. If you do eat, please be sure to be thoughtful of the next group arriving and clean up your surroundings. There are wipes on the tables to make this easy.

## **Grounds Director's Report**

The Indian Head Park Street and Sidewalk project is almost complete. It took a little longer than the 2-year plan. I mention this because we are not going to finish the work needed on the grounds in one or two years, but we will keep making progress. Improvements are already being noticed in comments that I have heard from residents.

Trees were recently planted as part of the project. And a few other trees were also planted in Acacia. Also, plants were put in the islands. Jim has been watering all the new items. He has also been weeding the islands.

Fertilizer and weed killer were recently spread across Acacia. And an Anti-germination product was spread around the trees before the mulch was put down.

The grass was not mowed two weeks ago and probably will not be mowed this week due to the drought. I said several meetings ago that we would be seeding. We have been successful in the shady areas but not so great in other areas. Part of the problem is that we used grass seed that was in the garage that must have been old because it did not germinate. The other part of the problem is the lack of rain which is not good for any plants. What was left of the hedges across from the clubhouse have been removed and the area will be seeded along with open patches along Acacia Drive. These large patches have been filled with new soil and re-seeded with different seed. Watering will continue...and continue.

The process of removing grass and weeds in cracks along the curbing has begun. Concrete patch will be used to keep the grass and weeds from returning.

Trimming around the houses on the paint cycle has begun. After that area is finished the rest of the houses in Acacia will be done.

The Clubhouse beautification project is finished. The lamppost at the entrance to the Clubhouse has been straightened, and after the ground around it cures, a small amount of cement will be used to keep it in place. The area in front of the Clubhouse was back-filled to divert rain away from the building. The area at the edge of the sidewalks was successfully seeded. An anonymous resident donated the new small chain fence at the entrance, and we have received many compliments on it. Cigarette butts were removed from the planters at entrance and replaced with colorful flowers. Hanging plants have also been put up in the entrance way.

New flowers were put in along the sidewalk to the pool and in the Frank O'Connor garden along with two evergreen trees to fill in the hedge behind the garage. These were replacements in areas that once had plants. A new fountain is up and running in the garden. A new bush was put in along side the stairway leading from the deck. All the areas were weeded and then mulched. Decorative flower arrangements were put in all the planters outside and inside the pool area. The stairs from the all-season room and the deck were given a much needed coat of paint. The Clubhouse beautification project is finished but now we have to maintain it.

Also this month 3 resident lampposts were replaced. 19 of 21 services requests have been completed. Some are in the process of aeration and seeding projects.

We had a request from a resident to install a prairie garden on common ground. The board is not in favor of it.

## **Townhome Maintenance Directors Report**

Paint, wood and varnish products have been procured for the maintenance of townhomes.

The permit to replace 27 driveways has been approved by the Village of Indian Head Park.

The permit total cost is \$3,184.37.

I move that the Acacia Board approves this expense of \$3,184.37, which is the cost of the Village of Indian Head Park permits needed to do 27 driveways. Ben Boyd /

12 of the 55 townhomes in the paint cycle have been completed. We have challenged the crew to finish all 55 townhomes no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure painting will not happen in November and into December.

Inside Out will start to paint when I give the go ahead. Inside Out was misinformed that they could start to paint, but we pulled them off until we gave the OK to proceed.

Driveway resealing will be scheduled in the next two weeks – we will give those residents a fair warning to remove cars from driveways and clear it with the Village of Indian Head Park that we will have residents parking on the street. The attached list shows where resealing will occur. I will inform residents where the starting point will be. It will take four days to reseal all 195 driveways and the club house parking lot.

## **Driveway Re-Sealing Project 2023**

#### All addresses on:

**Heatherwood Court** 

Buttonwood

Pembrook

**Elmwood Drive** 

Elmwood Square

**Elmwood Court** 

Hawthorne Square

Nacona Lane

Westwood Square

Westwood Court

Westwood Drive

Cherrywood

Stratford Court

#### **Cascade Drive**

1 -5 Cascade Drive

19-29 Cascade Drive

205 – 245 Cascade Drive

#### **Clubhouse Parking Lot**

## **Village Relations Report**

#### **MAY 11, 2023 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

#### **Mayors Report (Mayor Hinshaw)**

Federal Funding: Thanks to our US Congressional Representative Sean Casten Indian Head Park has potential for \$947,775 for water main repairs as part of the FY2024 omnibus government funding package. Village staff will continue to work with his office to apply for funding.

Acacia Drive: This week Strand and the landscaping company have been working on planting 20 trees, bushes and plants along Acacia Drive. Next year the IDOT arborist will come out and inspect the 20 trees and if any need to be replaced they will order the replacements.

294 Tollway: The village has worked with the tollway to stop the installation of a new fence along part of Cochise Drive near the Flagg Creek bridge, and to get additional plantings for the embankment along Keokuk with landscaping plans due to the village in the late summer or early fall of this year.

#### **BUSINESS**

Accepted the Canvas of Vote from the Cook County Clerk for the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election Trustee

Mayor Hinshaw thanked the outgoing Trustees and village officials for their work over the past several years:

- Treasurer Garcia
- Clerk Allison
- Trustee Kennedy
- Trustee Farrell-Mayer
- Trustee Metz

Village Administrator DuRocher thanked Mayor Hinshaw and his family for his service to the village over the past 10 years.

Oaths of Office – The Honorable Joanne Rosado swore in the newly elected officials:

Village President Amy Jo Wittenberg

Trustee James Gazis

Trustee Cristina Saldana

Trustee Danielle Svestka

Treasurer Argelia Garbacz

Mayor's Report: Mayor Wittenberg

Thank you all for being here this evening. I am privileged and grateful to have the opportunity to serve our Community as Village President for the next four years, and to work with an energetic and proactive Village Board of Trustees and committed and dedicated staff. There are many important issues facing the Village of Indian Head Park in the short and long-term, and I am confident we have a Board and supporting committees and commissions that can move the Village forward in a way that is consistent and in keeping with our residents needs and preferences.

#### **New Committee Assignments:**

Family and Senior Connections Primary: Cristina Saldana Secondary: Eileen Donnersberger Committee of the Whole- All Trustees

Public Works Primary: Charlie Eck Secondary: Cristina Saldana

Landscaping and Trees Primary: Danielle Svestka Secondary: Brenda O'Laughlin

Economic Development Primary: Eileen Donnersberger Secondary: Danielle Svestka

Finance Primary: Charlie Eck Secondary: Brenda O'Laughlin

Communications: Primary: Cristina Saldana

Police Primary: Brenda O'Laughlin Secondary: Jim Gazis

Planning and Zoning Primary: Jim Gazis

#### **BUSINESS:**

Motion to appoint Argelia Garbacz to the position of Treasurer – approved.

Facility Plan – Referred to Public Works Committee - approved

Wolf Road

Motion to approve Task Order with Strand Associates in an amount not to exceed \$1,737,235.78, an increase of \$434,783.00. Administrator DuRocher explained that the price increase was initiated from the increased public involvement and input that received last year during the Phase I study. Motion passed.

Motion to Sunset the Master Sidewalk Plan that was approved by the Village on July 11, 2019 be Sunset as of May 31, 2023. Trustee Eck explained that this motion will soften the constraints of the PIP and the CAC moving forward. The safety of children walking to school along Wolf Road is important, however this motion should not require sidewalks on both sides of the road. Motion passed.

AVA Ferrini provided totals for the Paint and Electronics Recycling & Shred Event from April. There was a total of 6,780 lbs. of paint, 3,490 lbs. of electronics and 3,427 lbs. of paper that were recycled at the event.

We will be forming two new Committees - we have recognized that IHP seniors and families could benefit from a Committee to focus on activities, information and resources benefiting those residents.

We will also be establishing a Committee of the Whole, where our board can meet together in a public meeting format with, agenda, minutes, and all. It is meant to be a discussion format to share ideas and materials. We can use this Committee to formally move items to the Board for approval. It gives Trustees a chance to move something to the formal Board agenda if it has the consensus to do so. All of this should make the board meeting a true business meeting and does not require Counsel. I invite all of you to be active with our team, and step up with your ideas and energy.

#### **JUNE 8, 2023 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

#### Mayor's Report:

Personnel changes:

Lisa Bujak resigned and Sarah Sophie has been hired to that the position.

John DuRocher will be retiring on June 23, 2023. The board has interviewed several candidates and are in the process of negotiating a contract with a candidate. Hopefully they will present a candidate and contract at the July 2023 meeting for approval.

Don Lorenzen will be retiring on June 23, 2023.

Several meetings held the past month: Wintrust Bank to optimize the yield on village accounts; Tollway to discuss ongoing work in the village. Upcoming in the next month or so a meeting with Cook County, Strand and the village regarding the formation of the PIP and CAC.

#### **Business:**

PUD ordinance for the triangle property was amended so that the Dunkin Donuts development could be approved per the plans.

Village Code was amended to remove the limit to the number of police officers that the village could hire. This allows the Board to increase or decrease the number of officers as needed.

Appointed Andy Ferrini as Interim Village Administrator effective end of day June 23, 2023, until new Village Administrator is hired and approved by the board. He will return to Assistant Village Administrator once new Administrator is in place.

Michael Kurinec will remain in the position of Chief of Police until new person is hired. He will then become Deputy Chief of Police.

Discussion about starting a Committee of the Whole for the village. This committee would be made up of the entire Board of Trustees and the purpose of the meetings would be to have time for discussion of topics and issues for the village. The meetings would all be open meetings and all residents are encouraged to attend and bring their ideas, concerns and issues to the board. These meetings would not replace monthly board meetings as the board would not be acting on the items. The Board will continue this discussion and work to develop the structure around the committee and will bring it to the Board for approval at a later date.

#### Reports:

<u>Financial Committee</u>: Charlie Eck reported that they worked with WinTrust Bank to improve the interest on the various accounts the village has there. Money has been moved into accounts that are currently earning 5% interest. The committee will continue to work with WinTrust on other options for the village funds.

<u>Police Department</u>: Chief Kurinec explained that the Department now has the ability to work with Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team for any calls where there may be mental health issues.

They are looking into cameras and emergency phones for the parks in IHP.

Officer Verber presented the plans for National Night Out which will be held on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. The events will start at 5:00 pm in Blackhawk Park and the surrounding areas. There will be a movie shown at dusk. The plans so far include an Air Ambulance landing, an animal/reptile presentation, Touch a Truck, Fire Department and Police Department vehicles. Many local vendors will have booths located throughout Blackhawk Park; some food booths are also in the plans to be confirmed.

## **Architecture & Landscape Committee Report**

Projects approved to start = 3 Projects completed and inspected = 4

Reminder - temporary deck/patio gazebos or sunshades may be erected May 1 and must be completely removed, including all framing, by November 1. These are allowed only on the deck or patio in back of the house.

## **Welcome Baskets Report**

No welcome baskets were delivered this month. Remember, if you have recently moved to Acacia and would like a welcome basket visit, please call the office.

## Office Report

We are currently working on the Quickbooks online transfer. Judy and Liz have been working very hard on getting the switchover done. We recently started using the Quickbooks Core Payroll Service. We have Michelle Mahoney coming in to work at times so that Liz can concentrate on helping Judy, while learning all aspects of bookkeeping so that Liz will be adding bookkeeping to her duties. Judy is also working with Michelle so that she can also learn the bookkeeping position. Liz is training Michelle on all aspects of the office position, so we have two people cross trained for both positions. The plan is to utilize Michelle in the office when Liz must concentrate on bookkeeping functions. Thank you to Liz, Judy and Michelle for their hard work and long hours in getting the switchover to Quickbooks done. There have been many stressful hiccups that they have had to overcome through the process.

We are setting up list of our crew members and what types of side-work they are willing to do for residents on their off-duty hours. We have phone numbers and a list of who does what type of work for residents who need their services. The work and prices are between the individual

residents and the crew member(s) they hire. We have crew members who do the following: furniture moving, staining of decks, repairs on decks, painting inside and outside, cleaning and repairing of gutters, weed pulling, mulching, planting of trees and bushes, and trimming of bushes. Please contact the office for a referral list.

We recently sent a letter to the Indian Head Park Village Board asking for the Acacia Association to be considered a stakeholder and to be a part of the PIP and CAC groups so that we will have input on the Wolf Road project. A copy of the letter will be in the newsletter.

Director Tom Herley has resigned from the Board.

#### **New Business**

A discussion on smoking at the pool concluded with a vote to continue to allow smoking, but only in the area immediately south of the Maintenance garage. An ashtray will be located nearby for proper disposal of cigarette butts.

Peggy Rose told the board of an Aerobics Instructor who is available for water instruction this summer at a cost of \$50.00 per session. Ed Najewski mentions that not all residents can take advantage of the classes and he thinks the costs should be borne by the residents who participate. Peggy Rose will send an email to gauge interest and to determine if we would have enough residents to guarantee the \$50 fee.

## Homeowner's Forum

#### Jill Cox - 21 Elmwood

Jill asks about the necessity of the kitchen facelift and whether it is used enough to warrant the expense.

#### **Jack Brandush – 15 Deercrest**

Jack asks Amy when the pergola at the pool was last stained and inspected because he is concerned about the structural integrity. Amy responds that it was considered structurally sound when the lights were installed a few years ago.

#### Ken Miller – 237 Cascade

Ken asks about the Wolf Road project and where it stands. Amy responds that the Village is still in early Phase I planning and funding has not yet been approved.

## Patrick Ferguson – 48 Elmwood

Patrick thinks the price for the kitchen facelift is too high for such a small space and asks if we have considered a local handyman for the job.

Motion to close Open Session and go to Executive Session – Ben Boyd / Peggy Rose Kwiatek 8/0/1

Raised the crew's salary and voted to hire a pool assistant for the weekends.

Motion to close Executive Session and Return to Open Session – Ben Boyd / Peggy Rose Kwiatek 8/0/1

Motion to close Open Session – Ben Boyd / Peggy Rose Kwiatek 8/0/1



16108 S. Weber Rd., Lockport IL 60441



SHARON KALINOSKI **CPA & Real Estate Broker** Indian Head Park (Acacia) Homeowner Since 2009

### DOWNSIZING? UPSIZING? RELOCATING?

- · Free market analysis
- · Experience working with attorneys, lenders, trusts and estates
- Ask me about \$500 closing rebate
- · Hands-on help to all home sellers
- Facilitated over 30 transactions in IHP · I can help with estate sales, cleanout, donating and packing
  - Please call if you are thinking of selling your home

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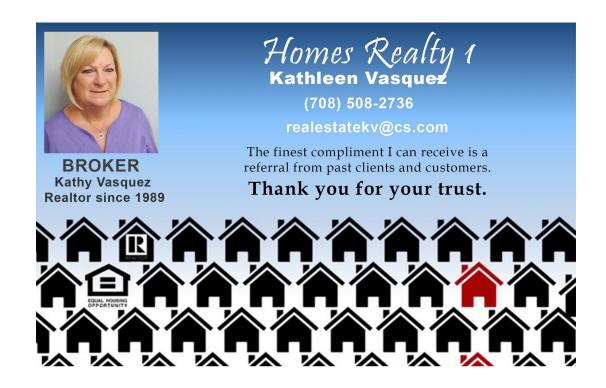


In-home consultations by appointment.

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## **FOR SALE:**

## TWO Bruno Elan Electric Stairlifts ONE Inogen One G5 Portable Oxygen Concentrator

Bruno Elan Electric Stairlifts:

- AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL SALE, or BOTH!
- Both custom-sized for Acacia Dearborn (corner) model.
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