



THE ACACIA ASSOCIATION
MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



Jennifer Cagney, Wayne Dubin, Julie Wright, Glenn Fiala

Acacia's 2024 Board of Directors

- Melissa Allison**
- Ben Boyd**
- Jennifer Cagney**
- Jen Cione**
- Joe Cosolo**
- Wayne Dubin**
- Glenn Fiala**
- Bill King**
- Julie Wright**

A heartfelt note to the all of the candidates, volunteers, and residents. Your contributions are invaluable in shaping the future of our community, so thank you for the dedication, passion and support.

A Blast from the Past!

This 1946 picture is taken on the grounds of Acacia. Thanks to resident Marcia Keller for sharing. Her Grandfather is 2nd from the left. (This photo is in the office if you'd like to see it in person.)



Acacia's New Dropbox!

We installed an exterior drop box to replace the mail slot on the Clubhouse door. Please drop anything Acacia related into the drop box during non-office hours.

Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting - March 12, 2024

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting. Melissa Allison/Wayne Dubin 8/0/1

Treasurer's Report

Preliminary Financials for February 2024	
Income	\$101,677
Expenses	\$ 34,971
Capital Expense	0
Transfer to Capital	<u>0</u>
NET INCOME	\$ 66,706

As of February 29, 2024

Operating Accounts	\$470,432
Capital Reserves	<u>\$224,380</u>
Total	\$694,812

Clubhouse Director's Report

There were 3 clubhouse rentals in the month of February. Bunco night was held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 pm.

Thank you to our hostesses Mary, Edita and Cindy for planning a St. Patrick's Day themed spread of food. It was a fun night for all.

The CPR instructor from the Pleasantdale Fire Department contacted me today and has scheduled our CPR training class at the clubhouse on Thursday, March 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The cost is \$45.00 per person and you will be certified in CPR after the class is over. If you have signed up already for the class, please drop off your payment to the Acacia office no later than Thursday, March 21st. You can still join until March 21st.

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to my social committee who have worked so hard to give our residents holiday parties throughout the past years. Members of the social committee were Dawn Moll, Vonda Schure, Kathleen Creighton, Anita Holub and Pat Sheneman. Thank you to these ladies who gave their time and talents to their community to make Acacia a better place to live.

Recreation Director's Report

We are continuing to review resumes for Pool Attendants and a Pool Manager for the 2024 season. We sent an email to all residents. The job descriptions are posted on the Acacia website. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Grounds Director's Report – No activity.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report – No activity.

Village Relations Director's Report

There has not been a Village Board Meeting since February 8th – the next Village Board Meeting is this Thursday, March 14th.

There are several events coming up in the next month:

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30th, 11:00 – 1:00 pm at Blackhawk Park
Egg hunts at 11:15 (bring your own basket), pony rides, petting zoo, pictures with the Easter Bunny and scavenger hunt in the park.

Pleasantdale Park District Events:

Donuts with the Easter Bunny, March 23rd - 9:00 – 10:00 – Rec Center Gym
donuts, juice, coffee, craft and pictures with the Easter Bunny. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED – www.pdparks.org, Kids 2- 12, \$18 resident/\$23 nonresident Adults - \$5 resident/\$7 nonresident.

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Easter Egg Hunt - March 23rd PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED –
www.pdparks.org Free Event Ages 2-4 10:15 Sharp // Ages 5-7 10:30 Sharp // Ages 8-10 10:45 Sharp Bring your own basket/bag.
Other Events:

Early Voting for the Primary

March 4th–March 18th, 9:00-5:00 Mon – Saturday, 10:00-4:00 Sunday
Lyons Village Hall, 4200 Lawndale Ave, Lyons
Brookfield Village Hall, 8820 Brookfield Ave, Brookfield

Salerno's Congregate Aging Care Connections Luncheon

Age 60 and older. To reserve a lunch call 708-603-2269 before 4:00 pm the day before, leave a message, calls will not be returned – 11:30 – 1:00 - \$3.00 per lunch. Menu is available in the office or the website agingcareconnections.org – look under Nutrition for information and menus.

Architecture & Landscape Committee Report – No Activity.

Welcome Baskets Report – No Activity.

Office Report

We installed an exterior drop box to replace the mail slot on the Clubhouse door. Please drop anything Acacia related into the drop box during non-office hours. Liz Benson resigned, and we are currently looking for her replacement.

Election

A big thank you to our official vote counters: Jen Bigenwald, Mike Rohloff and Susan Herley and our official vote counter watcher: Leslie Buch

Election results: Julie Wright (81), Peggy Rose Kwiatek (71), Wayne Dubin (95), Jennifer Cagney (99), Glenn Fiala (99), Jack Brandush (60)

Newly Elected Officers, Jennifer Cagney, Wayne Dubin, Glenn Fiala and Julie Wright, read the Oath of Office, and were sworn in by President, Joe Consolo.

Resident Questions for the Board (emailed)

Diane Voyles

Q: I would like a complete explanation why last year the annual Treasurer's report stated a total of \$718,286.71 at the end of 2022 and this year's annual Treasurer's Report says \$ 414,837.22 for the end of 2022. That is a difference of \$303,449.49. The end of year number should not have changed. Where is the money?

A: What's not included in the \$414k amount is the reserve amount (money invested in CDs) which is around 225k. The amount at the end of 2022 includes those monies.

E. Dorio

Q: Who is Peggy Rose's replacement, will there be Bunco next month?

A: Board positions will be decided in March, after the newly elected board members are sworn in. Board positions will be shared with residents via email and included in next month's newsletter.

Rosemary Machado

Q: I'm a homeowner here since 2001. Recently, I received an email about our houses being painted. I love the white panels and see many old houses in Western Springs doing this. Could it be a possibility? The houses would look beautiful and increase in price.

A: Thanks for the suggestion, this will be discussed at the next townhome maintenance committee meeting.

Marlene Chaney

Q: Is it possible that maintenance can make a small open fence to put in front of our Comcast, etc green ugly equipment like or similar to the one on Acacia Drive? It really is a much more appealing look and for the most part, solves a problem of having to view them from our back doors. If not, can we purchase a piece of similar material and stain it?

A: Jim has been installing lattice in front of the boxes. We are working to enhance with evergreens as well.

Resident Questions & Comments for the Board

Amy Eckert

Q: Can holiday decorations be removed from the office walkway?

A: Yes

Q: Assessment income is not 100% if residents are in arrears, why is it being reported that way?

A: *The Board will look into this and report back.*

Diane Voyles

Q: Further clarity is needed to explain the financial discrepancy.

A: *When the new Treasurer comes on board, we will address this and report back.*

Linda Cooney

Q: Would like the harassing emails to stop and would like an apology.

A: *The board will continue to discuss the details of this.*

Gus Stamas

Q: Does Acacia have an Accountant, a Bookkeeper and audits?

A: Yes, we have an Accountant who has been a CPA for over 25 years. We are in transition with our Bookkeeper. Yes, we do have audits.

Jerry Buttimer: We should invite our CPA to a board meeting and explain our financials.

Mike Rohloff: The new lamp post lights are looking really good.

Motion to adjourn open session and move to executive session: Glenn Fiala/Jen Cione 8/0/1

Motion to adjourn executive session: Jen Cione/Glenn Fiala 8/0/1

During the executive session, the board voted on 2024 positions. There were two board members running for the President position. Here are the results:

Officers:

President - Joe Consolo

Vice President - Julie Wright

Treasurer - Glenn Fiala

Secretary - Jennifer Cagney

Directors:

ALCC - Wayne Dubin & Jennifer Cagney

Clubhouse - Julie Wright & Jennifer Cagney

Grounds - Julie Wright & Wayne Dubin

Recreation - Melissa Allison & Jen Cione

Townhome Maintenance - Ben Boyd

Village Relations - Julie Wright

Rest IN Peace



Peaceful thoughts for family and friends of resident,
JoAnn Driscoll, who passed away earlier this month.



**Easter
EGG HUNT**

IHP | SATURDAY
BLACKHAWK | MARCH 30TH
PARK | 11 AM TO 1 PM

egg hunts by age at 11:15am
(bring your own basket)
plus pony rides, petting zoo, pictures
with the Easter Bunny,
and scavenger hunt



Upcoming events

Participate in this fun (and free)
community event.

Located in beautiful Blackhawk
Park, the Easter Egg Hunt
starts at 11:15 and divided by age.

**Kids: Don't forget to bring you
own basket/bag to collect eggs.**

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Primary Election

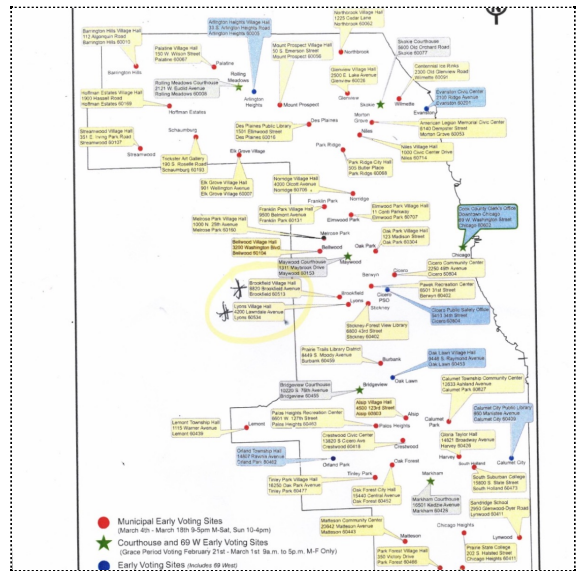
March 4th - March 18th

Mon - Sat 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

Lyons Village Hall
4200 Lawndale

Brookfield Village Hall
8820 Brookfield Ave



LUNCHEON: Salerno's Aging Care Connections

For anyone 60+ years old, you are invited to Salerno's in Hodgkins for a delicious lunch. Menu is also available at agingcareconnections.org.

Here are the Details

Dates: Everyday in March





Cost: Suggested donation of \$3.00

Time: 11:30 am - 1 pm

IMPORTANT: Reservations are required and can be made prior to 4 pm the day before at (708) 603-2269.

❁ SALERNO'S CONGREGATE MENU FOR AGING CARE CONNECTIONS - MARCH 2024 ❁

\$ 3.00
11.30 am - 1 pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF ITEMS</p>	<p>TO RESERVE A LUNCH CALL 708-603-2269 BEFORE 4 PM ON THE PREVIOUS DAY LEAVE A MESSAGE CALLS WILL NOT BE RETURNED</p>			<p>1-Mar PEPPER & EGG SANDWICH - 3 OZ FRIES - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>
<p>4-Mar TORTALINI W/ CREAM SAUCE, MUSHROOMS & PEAS - 3 OZ BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>5-Mar CHILI - 8 OZ W/ CHEESE, ONIONS, SOUR CREAM CRACKERS FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>6-Mar TURKEY CLUB - 3 OZ W/ BACON, LETTUCE, TOMATO) - 3 OZ CHIPS FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>7-Mar CHICKEN BREAST - 3 OZ VEGGI - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT CUP - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>8-Mar TUNA SALAD - 3 OZ PASTA SALAD - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>
<p>11-Mar PEPPERONI PIZZA - 3 OZ W/EXTRA THIN CRUST BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>12-Mar LASAGNA - 3 OZ VEGGI - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>13-Mar CHOP SALAD W/CHICKEN - 3 OZ, PASTA, BACON, ONION, OLIVES, EGG, TOMATOES, & BLUE CHEESE - 2 OZ EA FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ. BREAD - 4 OZ.</p>	<p>14-Mar CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE - 3 OZ W/VEGGI - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2 CUP MILK - 8 OZ.</p> 	<p>15-Mar BREADED COD FISH SANDWICH - 3OZ FRIES - 1/2 C FRUIT - 1/2C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>
<p>18-Mar CHEESEBURGER ON A BUN - 3 OZ FRIES - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>19-Mar SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS - 3 OZ VEGGI - 1/2 C FRUIT - 1/2C BREAD - 4 OZ. MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>20-Mar RIGATONI W/ VODKA SAUCE - 1/2 C & BROCCOLI - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>21-Mar CHICKEN PARMESAN - 3 OZ VEGGI - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>22-Mar PEPPER & EGG SANDWICH- 3 OZ BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>
<p>25-Mar SAUSAGE PIZZA - 3 OZ W/EXTRA THIN CRUST BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2 C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>26-Mar BBQ BEEF - 3 OZ FRIES - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT 1/2 CUP MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>27-Mar EGGPLANT PARMESAN - 3 OZ VEGGI - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>28-Mar HAM - 3 OZ ROASTED POTATOES - 1/2 C VEGGI - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2C MILK - 8 OZ.</p>	<p>29-Mar WHITE FISH - 3 OZ VEGGI - 1/2 C BREAD - 4 OZ. FRUIT - 1/2C MILK - 8 OZ.</p> 



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