

# Acacia Times

*Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association*

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## General Announcements

**Clubhouse Decorating Committee** will meet on March 26 at 6:30 pm. If you have any old black and white pictures the Committee would like to know if they can borrow them to copy. They will be return to you.

**Pool ID's:** Please keep your pool ID's and bring them when with you to renew your ID. A 2015 sticker will be issued. ID dates will be in the Newsletter. Those that are in arrears will not receive their ID. There may be a fee of \$10 if you lose your ID.

**Christmas Decorations:** Please take down any Christmas lights, wreaths, etc. That you may still have up by the end of the month.

**Resident Emergency Info Form:** A form is in this Newsletter and also on the Acacia Website for you to print. There are forms in the office.

**New Phone Books** are available at the office.

**Website:** Acacia has a Website. You can access this at [acaciaihp.com](http://acaciaihp.com) or [acacia-ihp.com](http://acacia-ihp.com) or [acacia-ihp.org](http://acacia-ihp.org), [acaciaihp.org](http://acaciaihp.org). We encourage everyone to use the Website for info about the Association as well as forms, minutes, newsletters, snow plowing timing and schedule.

**The next Board of Director's Regular Meeting** will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at the Acacia Clubhouse.

# The Acacia Association Board of Director's Meeting

March 10, 2015

The Board of Director's Meeting of March 10, 2015 was called to order by Pres. O'Connor at 7:00 p.m.

Dirs. in attendance were: Pres. O'Connor, V.P. Eckert, Treas. Polacek, Sec'y Brandush, King, Murray, Kwiatek and Bersin.

Dirs. Absent were: Shepley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion (Polacek, Eckert) to accept the Minutes of the February 10, 2015. Motion passed. (8/0/1).

**Treasurer's Report:** John Polacek reported that the assessment collection was \$78,054. along with other sources giving a total income of \$78,473. Total expenses were \$40,860. Included in the expenses was \$11,322 for snow removal. We are getting close to our budget for snow removal. The picture is normal for this time of the year. Past due accounts show an increase of \$1,300. Five accounts are being handled in our normal fashion. We are in a good financial state.

Motion (Polacek, Brandush) to accept the Treasurer's Report as produces by staff. Motion passes. (8/0/1).

**Clubhouse Director's Report:** Loretta Murray said the 4 Seasons room is coming along. She does not know of any issues at this point. She will contact Ross at AllPro to get a firm date on completion.

The Redecorating Committee for the clubhouse met last month and we decided to go with a lite gray paint throughout. We are going with a timeless theme for the clubhouse and put up pictures of the community with black and white pictures. We can get some old and some new pictures. We talked about redoing

some lighting, window treatments and repainting the kitchen cabinet doors. One thing she is working on is putting the pool table on Craig's list. If we can't sell it we can see if we can donate it to a club or something. We have talked about it before and it is space that doesn't get used. The tables and chairs in the clubhouse would get moved to where the pool table was, reconfiguring the furniture in the room to make space in front of the kitchen area. We would place a table in the area to be used as a buffet table. Maybe purchase a folding ping pong table. Motion (Murray, Eckert) to remove and sell or donate the pool table that exists in the Clubhouse and to take the light down and sell that along with the pool table. Motion passed. (8/0/1).

If any residents have any old pictures of Acacia or the surrounding area that they would be willing to let us borrow to copy or donate, please bring them to the office. We will return them.

The next Redecorating Committee meeting is March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone can join.

**Recreational Director's Report:** Jack Brandush said we are getting closer to the pool opening. We will be putting 2015 stickers on the pool ID's. So bring your ID with you. Dates will be set. We will not be taking pictures except for new people. Those that are in arrears cannot use the pool or clubhouse. Hopefully people will have their ID's. It is costly for us to do that. There may be a \$10 charge if someone cannot find their ID for redoing the ID. Instead of having guest passes we will have one card to be punched. Renters will need a copy of their lease.

We are going to be putting in some new playground mulch. It is a special mulch for playgrounds.

**Grounds Director's Report:** Bill King said that we had 1 snow plowing last month. We finished in less than 8 hours. We went back to our old system so we started at the North entrance and went around.

A&B Tree Service finished last Friday. There are 2 more Ash trees and a couple of other dead trees that need to come out. Half of the grounds has been trimmed. We will be figuring out what we will be planting in the spring. Some trees that

have come out, the arborist is recommending that we don't plant another in the same place. They are too crowded and they won't grow. He also pointed out areas where the buckthorn is taking over the grounds. We will have to deal with that in the spring too. The crew will be coming back about April 13. First thing they will have to do is clean up all the stumps and put dirt and seed in. We need to remove a few smaller trees.

Along with the crew coming back, motion (King, Eckert) to buy t-shirts and sweatshirts for the crew at no more than \$1,300 with Santana. Motion passed. (8/0/1).

**Townhome Maintenance Director's Report:** Amy Eckert said that there were no Service Requests completed this past month. As the weather gets better work will begin completing any that were turned in over the winter. No work will be completed without a Service Request being filled out.

Our townhome maintenance crew will be returning the beginning of May and work will begin on preparing the homes on this year's paint cycle. A list of homes to be completed will be in next month's Newsletter and homeowners will be notified before any work begins. Motion (Eckert, Murray) to accept the bid for painting of townhomes from Inside Out Painting Company of Batavia in the amount of \$575.00 per home. Motion passed. (8/0/1).

We are waiting for a bid to paint the outside of the Clubhouse. It's been many years since it's been painted.

We will be inspecting all driveways in the association this year to determine what work needs to be done on driveways that were cut and repaved by the Village last year as part of the curb replacement and also which of our driveways need to be replaced this year. The biggest concern is the seams in the driveways.

As far as front door painting goes, Amy mentioned at an earlier board meeting that a person from Inside Out Painting was here measuring to give us a quote for the inside. They do paint front doors, but on weekends and they would prefer to have between 10 to 20 people who want to have their front door painted. They can bring a crew here and get them all done. The resident would pay for their

door, but the association reimburses for part of that cost. She will follow up with them to confirm the price and have them take a look at our doors. We have a lot of different doors, some steel, some wood and some fiber glass. If you are interested call Donna or leave a note at the office.

When the fire department was here inspecting the 4 Seasons room they explained they have a procedure for collecting emergency contact information from residents. There is paperwork that needs to be completed if you want the department to have your emergency contact information. Form in this newsletter and copies in the office or you can go online at PLVW.org to get the form. They also participate in lock boxes. You can get a box that's attached to the exterior of your home and your key is inside that lock box. The fire department is the only one who has access to it. It's only used for emergency.

**Architectural & Landscape Director's Report:** Jack Brandush said he has done a couple of inspections on a few homes. We have our forms for requests for any exterior work you are going to have done. All needs to come through the A&L Committee for approval.

Some yard lights that are out. Some residents refuse to turn theirs on. We have submitted warnings and fines. Jose has tried to fix some lights, but there is no power.

February was a very cold month, but there are still Christmas lights and wreaths up. Christmas decorations should be taken down by the end of the month.

Amy asked about the address numbers on our houses. Address numbers are to be a contrasting color and at least 4 inches high or 3 inches if the building is less than 40 feet from the road to be in compliance.

**Village Relations Director's Report:** Bob Bersin said there is an election on April 7.

Jack said there is a Meet the Candidates night at the Clubhouse on March 19 from 5:30 to 9 pm. Jack said they talked about the water meters in Smoke Signals. Bob said he doesn't know what they are going to do about that. They don't have the money.

Jack said he received a call from someone asking about his electric service. They said they reduced their rates and wanted him to join their company (no company name) and here's your confirmation number. He said no and hung up. These people are getting really pushy about changing your electric service, so be careful.

Motion (Bersin, Eckert) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.  
Motion passed. (8/0/1).

*Condolences to*  
*Karen Johnson*  
*&*  
*Marilyn Perry*  
*On the loss of their Mother.*

# Pleasantview Fire Protection District

## Resident Emergency Information Form

**\*\*All information provided is confidential for emergency service personnel only and is in accordance with (430 ILCS 132/) Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) A**

This form is available on our website at [www.plvw.org/forms](http://www.plvw.org/forms) if you would like to type out the information and print it

Resident #1: Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Resident #2: Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt /Lot# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_

Resident #1 Business/work \_\_\_\_\_ Resident #2 Business/work \_\_\_\_\_

Resident #1 Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Resident #2 Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Owner name: (if different than above)

(First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

### Keyholder Information

(Family or neighbors, living nearby, who have keys to your home in an emergency)

Do you have an exterior key lock box? Yes/No If yes, where is it located? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

### General Information

The house is how many stories (not including basement)? \_\_\_\_\_ Basement: (Yes/No)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a private fire alarm system? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes: Fire alarm company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Reset Code \_\_\_\_\_

*(Reset codes are needed in the event that you are not home and we need to silence the alarm)*

Where is the alarm panel located? (please be exact) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fire sprinkler system? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is the water shut off for the sprinkler? \_\_\_\_\_



## Special Information

Name of occupant(s)      Date of birth      Special needs/Disabilities?      Where does everyone sleep?  
Please list ALL members      (Please provide details)      (include outside window locations)

#1 \_\_\_\_\_  
#2 \_\_\_\_\_  
#3 \_\_\_\_\_  
#4 \_\_\_\_\_  
#5 \_\_\_\_\_  
#6 \_\_\_\_\_  
#7 \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: The provision of special needs information will not result in preferential treatment.*

### Can we find you?

Where is your address posted on your property (please be exact) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Hazards to Emergency Responders

Any dogs on premises? \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Any dangerous/exotic pets? Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Indoor or in-ground pool? \_\_\_\_\_ (location if indoor) \_\_\_\_\_

Any dangerous chemicals (other than normal household supplies) stored in your home? If yes, please list them below:

Name	Approximate amount

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation to location: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner, Occupant, Neighbor, etc)

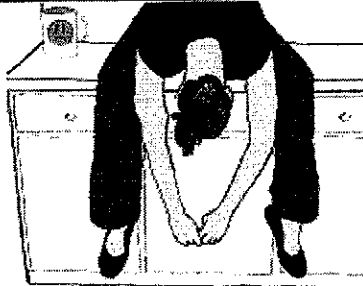
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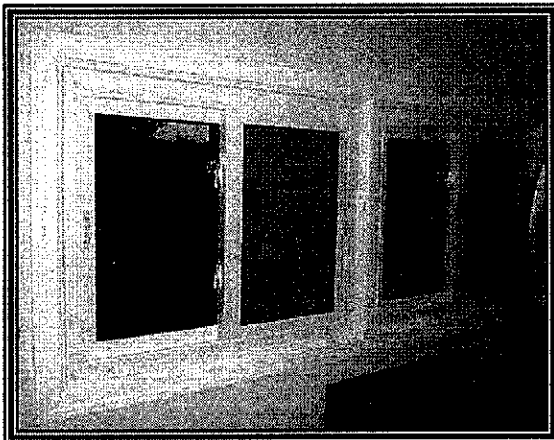
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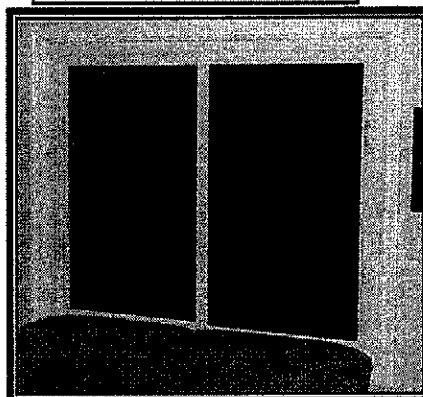
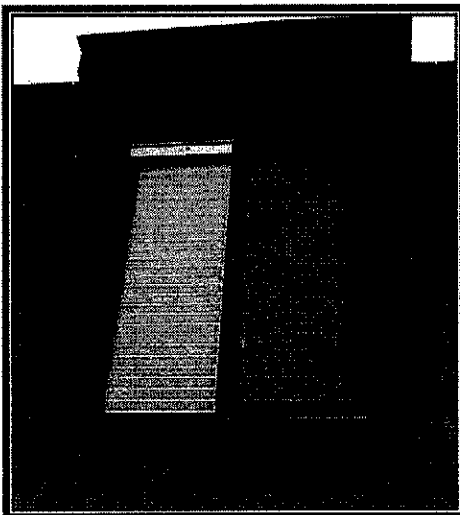


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