

# **Acacia Times**

*Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association*

**October 2017**

**Phone Directories Ready For Pick-Up**

**Game Night**

**Visit with Santa **\*\*NEW DATE\*\*****

**Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, November 14, 2017**

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Phone Directories** are ready and can be picked-up during normal business hours. If you are unable to come during those hours, the following dates/times will be available:

**Thurs. - Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00pm -8:00pm

**Sat. - Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** – 11:00am – 1:00pm

**Wed. - Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** – 5:00pm -7:00pm

**Sat. - Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>** – 11:00am – 1:00pm

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** - the last day to use the basketball/tennis courts

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** - last day to submit service requests/work orders

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** - Gazebos (the entire structure) must be taken down

**November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 - Game Night (16 or older)** at the clubhouse hosted by Joe and Edita Diorio. They will bring games but feel free to bring your favorite games too! BYOB. Call Joe with questions 708-369-3421.

**December 10<sup>th</sup> - Visit with Santa \*\*NEW DATE\*\*** Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Santa arrives at 12:00. See enclosed flyer.

**ALCC Reminders:** When replacing your roof, be sure that the color is different from your neighbors' color. The roof colors must alternate dark/light.

**Next Board Meeting is November 14, 2017 at 7pm at the clubhouse.**

## The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting

October 10, 2017

The Board of Directors Meeting of October 10, 2017 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Frank O'Connor.

Directors in attendance were: Pres. O'Connor, V.P. Eckert, Sec'y Brandush, Murray, Kwiatek, Martinez, and Rost.

Treasurer Polacek was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion (Brandush, Eckert) to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed (7/0/1)

**Treasurers Report:** John Polacek reports (read by Frank O'Connor) that on the Treasurer's Report Page, we see that the Assessment Collection was \$80,205 with other sources giving a total income of \$80,813. Expenses were \$112,124 leaving a net ordinary income loss of \$48,101. This is our costly season. The big expenses for the month were insurance, lumber/paint and the lumber and carpentry for the new garage. Acacia is a busy place with lots happening.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$18,895.10. Past Due Accounts show 24 members owing money. 6 members owe \$14,753 or 78% of the balance and 18 members owe \$4,142. We expect some of our larger cases will be clearing out as we continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding.

We still have a few members who are late or non-payers. Currently 203 members use the **ACH**, automatic bank withdrawal. This insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. It also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. More than half of Acacia Homeowners use it. Join the crowd! There really are no dangers. Acacia withdraws only the Assessment. If there are other charges, you receive a separate bill. When members do not pay on time, there is a cost of collection. Some members do not want to pay late charges or interest. Avoid those charges with ACH.

Overall we are in good financial condition.

I move that we accept the Treasurer's Report as produced by staff.

Motion (O'Connor, Eckert) to accept the Treasurer's Report as produced by staff. All in favor. Motion passed (7/0/1)

**Clubhouse Director's Report:** Loretta Murray reported that she continues to work with Classic Remodeling to get estimates for flooring for the Great Room and Entryway.

After multiple estimates, the decision was made to have a wooden, two-sided sign made by Classy Signs to be placed in front of the clubhouse.

Motion (Murray, Kwiatek) to purchase a sign for the clubhouse created by Classy Signs, not to exceed \$4,500. All in favor. Motion passed. (7/0/1).

Visit with Santa is scheduled for Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

**Recreation Facilities Director's Report:** Jack Brandush reports both the large and baby swimming pools have been winterized and covered. An inventory of furniture and an inspection of equipment were also conducted. It was determined that we will need a dozen regular chairs and six lounge chairs to replace the ones that were damaged during the season. I am disappointed in the durability of the lounge chairs that were purchased from Telescope Contract Furniture. The fabric on some of the chairs has deteriorated and some have just broken. Telescope has told me that particular model of lounge chair is no longer made. We might be looking for a different vendor for the chairs. It was also determined that the heater for the baby pool will need to be replaced. We are presently getting a quote for a new heater from one of our vendors so that we can include that item in our budget for next year.

Again, as stated last month, the last day that the tennis and basketball courts will be open is on October 15. The playground will continue to be open. As a reminder, dogs are not allowed in the immediate playground area.

**Grounds Maintenance Director's Report:** Tim Rost reports that there were 15 grounds service requests completed in the last month.

Five additional trees were purchased from Hinsdale Nurseries and planted on common ground areas in the community. These trees cost about \$1100 and their purchase had been budgeted.

The seasonal staff will begin to dwindle down this week. We will be losing one crew member from the townhome crew this week, and two members of the grounds crew will be departing next week. This is all normal activity as we get to the end of the season.

Two leaf blowers were also replaced this past month in preparation for the leaf clean up in the coming months. The cost was approximately \$280 and the money was in the budget.

