

Acacia Times

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

September 2018

Dumpsters Permits

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Clubhouse Rental Reminder

Rental Committee Being Formed

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, October 9, 2018

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to welcome our new Assistant Operations Manager! Welcome Mike Mazurkiewicz, we look forward to working with you.

They will start on the clubhouse parking lot replacement on Monday, September 17th. You will not be able to park in the lot until the job is finished.

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ALCC Reminder: When your project is finished, please call the office to let us know the job is complete. This is the only way the committee knows the work is done. We will do a final review of the work to be sure that the agreement was followed, then we generate your refund.

If you are planning to use a dumpster, you need to get a permit from the village (no cost) and can only have it for 30 days. Once you have the permit, please bring a copy to the Acacia office. Please be sure they put plywood under the dumpster to protect the driveway.

Process to rent the clubhouse: Call the office to check availability. Get clubhouse rental paperwork from the office or at acacia-ihp.org under “rental agreements” then “clubhouse rental agreement”. Complete and sign paperwork then drop off paperwork, a copy of your driver’s license and \$50 check to hold the date, to the office. Two weeks prior to your party, the balance is due. If the contract is followed and there is no damage, you can get up to \$75 back after the party is complete. * You must be an Acacia resident to rent the clubhouse and be at the party the entire time*.

Holiday decorations may be placed on townhomes or surrounding private ground no earlier than **30 days prior to the holiday**, except Christmas decorations may be placed the day after Thanksgiving. Holiday decorations must be completely removed no later than 7 days after the holiday, except Christmas decorations which may remain in place until February 1.

A resident committee is being formed to discuss rentals in Acacia. If you are interested in serving on this committee contact Carol Mason 708-246-5869.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 9th at 7pm at the clubhouse.

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting September 11, 2018

The Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, September 11, 2018 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Eckert

Directors in attendance were: Pres. Eckert, V.P. O'Connor, Treas. Polacek, Sec'y Brandush, Kwiatek, Rost, Mason, Kalinoski and Voyles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.

Motion (Polacek, Kwiatek) to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed (9/0/0).

Home Owners comments/questions: Question from Cleo on Nacona asked if there was there a holiday on Monday. The garbage on Nacona was not picked up. Tim Rost suggested that she leave her garbage outside to be picked up the following day. We are not sure why Groot didn't pick up the garbage.

Treasurer's Report: On the Treasurer's Report Page, we see that the Assessment Collection was \$83,194, with other sources giving a total income of \$85,466. Expenses were \$164,833 leaving a net ordinary income of -\$79,368. We had some large bills hit in one month. Painting Deposit, Liability Insurance, Annual Tax Audit, new driveways and resurfacing, and lumber and paint totaled \$74,113. Our balance is normal for this time of year. This is our busy season.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$18,117. Past Due Accounts show 16 members owing money. 2 members owe \$14,086 and 14 members owe \$4,031. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances.

We had 4 members miss their assessment payment. This cost each of them \$10.00 extra. Currently 221 members use the **ACH**, automatic bank withdrawal and 166 do not. **ACH** insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. **ACH** 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 (Polacek, Kwiatek) to accept the Treasurer's report as produced by staff. All in favor. Motion passed (9/0/0).

Clubhouse Director's Report: Carol Mason reports that we had three clubhouse rentals in August 11, 18 and 25th. The pool party was held August 24th and had to be moved inside because of the weather. Games were played, bags, table tennis and a card game. No party rentals are scheduled in September.

We are proposing an Acacia get together November 16, 2018. Residents have suggested a game night (ping pong table is being donated) activities will be planned.

The last pool day was a disaster with the weather but we had a split the pot raffle with a few hardy souls that were at the pool. Everyone enjoyed the raffle, next year we'll try it again over a longer period.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Frank O'Connor reports that the pool is closed for the season – Jose is in the process of draining and winterizing the pool.

Over the summer we had at least 1860 guests registered (and probably more that checked in but was not written down). We sold \$393.00 of additional guest passes, collected \$115.00 in fees for lost ID cards and had 5 pool rentals (1 of them was cancelled due to weather).

Jack is still working on getting estimates to repair the baby pool.

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Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Tim Rost reports that during the past month 18 work orders were completed for the grounds department.

New Trees:

Jose and I have identified eight locations for new trees. I am proposing that we spend no more than \$1900 from our budget for eight trees purchased from Hinsdale Nursery. This amount is the remainder of our tree and plant budget for 2019.

Motion (Rost, Eckert) to purchase 8 trees from Hinsdale Nursery costing no more than \$1,900. This is the remaining money left in the tree budget. All in favor. Motion passed (9/0/0).

Tree Removals:

Family Tree Werks of West Chicago was the lowest bidder to remove two trees and a large dead branch that are beyond our crew's ability to remove. The total bid was for \$1220 but when a resident pays their share of the removal of one of the trees our price will be \$933

