

Acacia Times

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

November 2018

Breakfast with Santa

Adult Holiday Party

Holiday Garbage Pick-Up

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, December 11, 2018

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates: Dec. 16th - Santa visit at the clubhouse (see flyer)
Dec. 28th- Acacia Adult Holiday Party (see flyer)

Holiday garbage pick-up will be Wednesday, December 26, 2018 and January 2, 2019

ALCC Updates/Reminders:

DECORATIONS_– Halloween decorations should have been removed by November 7 or 1 week following the holiday. Christmas decorations can be placed no sooner than Thanksgiving weekend and must be removed by January 31st. These rules can be found in the 2018 Rules and Regulations.

Acacia crew no longer does roof repairs of any kind.

Have an electronic to recycle? Burr Ridge Public Works at 451 Commerce St. may take your items. If you have questions about what items they accept and cost, please call 630-407-6700 or visit www.eworksesi.org. The flyer can be found on our website acacia-ihp.org.

JUST A REMINDER – KEEP YOUR POOL ID FOR NEXT YEAR.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 11th at 7pm at the clubhouse.

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting November 13, 2018

The Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, November 13, 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, Kalinoski and Voyles.

Carol Mason was absent, Tim Rost left early.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion (Polacek, O'Connor) to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed (8/0/1).

Home Owners comments/questions: Elaine from Heatherwood does not feel the assessment increase is warranted because accounts are in arrears. She feels like she's subsidizing those who are not being responsible to make their payments.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek reports on the Treasurer's Report Page, we see that the Assessment Collection was \$81,160, with other sources giving a total income of \$83,286. Expenses were \$78,880 leaving a net ordinary income of \$4,607. Our big expense items are all done. Our balance is normal for this time of year.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$18,539. Past Due Accounts show 18 members owing money. 3 members owe \$13,268 and 15 members owe \$5,272. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances.

We had 3 members miss their assessment payment. This cost each of them \$10.00 extra. Currently 220 members use the **ACH**, automatic bank withdrawal and 167 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 (7/0/2).

Amy Eckert asked John Polacek to explain what it means that we do “everything the law allows” to collect assessments. John responded that if someone owes money we send them a letter making them aware of it. If they owe more, he contacts them to try to set a payment plan for them that we both sign. If they don’t agree with that then we turn it over to the lawyers for collection.

Clubhouse Director’s Report: Amy Eckert reports that Santa will be stopping at the clubhouse on Sunday, December 16th – doors open at 11:00 and Santa will arrive at noon. Please RSVP to the office by Thursday, Dec 13th. (See flyer for details).

Peggy Rose was asked if Acacia would be having a Holiday Gathering again this year – and she agreed to coordinate this. Please see flyer for information.

Recreation Facilities Director’s Report: Amy Eckert reports that we need to decide if we are going to contract with Chicagoland for next year’s pool management.

Pros – we talked to Chicagoland and were able to reduce the cost of the contract due to revised staffing for the pool, we get CPO services as part of contract for weekends and holidays (which we paid extra for), we don’t hire additional employees, no payroll or workman’s comp coverage/costs, this past year things ran smoothly at the pool with rules being enforced, residents were less disruptive and did not act as “the bosses” of the guards, having non-resident manager made it better for supervision of guards.

Cons – cost is about \$5,500 more than if we manage ourselves. Also if we do not contract with Chicagoland we are unable to hire any of the guards that were employed at our pool last year per the contract.

Motion (Eckert, O’Connor) to accept contract with Chicagoland Pool Management for the 2019 pool season... Note – the money for this contract is in the proposed budget for 2019. All in favor. Motion approved (7/0/2)

There are still issues with some residents that we will need to look at before the pool season for next year – expecting to get their pass once pool opens if they just show up at the pool, residents not reading the pool rules, bringing more guests than permitted before 4:00 pm, residents using their guest passes for people they do not know and residents leaving pool while guests stay at pool.

Grounds Maintenance Director’s Report: Tim Rost reports that during the month, 9 service requests were completed for grounds.

Leaves:

Jose and I estimate that approximately 50 % of the leaves have fallen and the crews are continuing to mulch the leaves as quickly as they can. The last four remaining seasonal

