

# **ACACIA TIMES**

**Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association**

**October 2019**

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

In an effort to prevent dog attacks and dogs being out without a leash, we encourage homeowners to take picture and call police if you see dogs out unattended. Calling the police will “make a record” so if that dog attacks a person or another dog, the village will have a record of how often the dog is out unattended. **Dogs should be on a leash at ALL times while outside.**

Please pick up dog waste every time your dog goes out. We are unable to cut grass on property that has dog waste.

**Gazebos (entire structure) must be taken down by November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Decoration reminder:** Holiday decorations can be put up 30 days prior to a holiday and must be removed 7 days after. Halloween decorations must be taken down by November 8. ALCC will inspect on November 9 and send letters if Halloween decorations are still displayed.

Christmas decorations are allowed starting Thanksgiving weekend and must be taken down by February 1.

### **INFORMATION FROM THE VILLAGE:**

**The Village requires a permit for windows/sliding doors- the Homeowner is responsible for taking the approved ALCC form to the village to obtain their permit.**

- If replaced like for like, an over the counter permit is required. It is recommended windows in bedrooms and basement comply with egress. Permit fee is **\$100.**
- If the size of the window or the framed opening is changed a permit is required and shall comply with the current adopted code. Permit fee is **\$275 plus added fees if necessary.**

When renting the clubhouse and/or obtaining pool passes **all** fines and assessments must be paid in full and your account must be in good standing before approval will be given.

The crew is making rounds for weeds/trimming. They will make it to every home eventually. We are asking for patience; we are doing the best we can.

**Rules/Regulations for Rental Units was adopted by the Board at August meeting, they are effective January 1, 2020. Please see complete Rules and Regulations for Rental Units which are posted on Acacia website under Handbook section.**

**Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7pm at the clubhouse.**

## The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting October 8, 2019

The Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, October 8, 2019 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

Directors in attendance were: Pres. Eckert, V.P. Kalinoski, Sec'y Brandush, Tres. Polacek, Kwiatek, Rost, Murray, Boyd and Voyles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion (Polacek, Boyd) to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed. (9/0/0).

**Home Owners comments/questions:** No comments

**Treasurer's Report:** John Polacek reports on the Treasurer's Report Page, we see that the Assessment Collection was \$82,993 with other sources giving a total income of \$85,397. Expenses were \$129,151 leaving a net ordinary income of -\$43,754. This is one of the months with a high cost over-run... We had \$18,180 in painting contractor and \$12,013 for lumber and paint expense.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$5380.48. 17 members have past due accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances.

We had 20 members miss their assessment payment. This cost each of them an extra fee and/or interest. Currently 224 members use the **ACH**, automatic bank withdrawal and 163 do not. **ACH** insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. **ACH** also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 57% 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 and a fee is charged. Avoid those charges with **ACH**. Overall, we are in good financial condition.

There has been a request for information about our Fund Balances. We have two funds – Reserve fund Balance and Operating Fund Balance. These will decrease for the next month as the crew and contractors finish their stuff at Acacia. We will then start building the balances for next year.

They now stand at:	Reserve Fund Balance	\$209,457.72
	Operating Fund Balance	\$544,776.82
	Total	\$754,234.54

I will be meeting with relevant Board members to set the preliminary budget. We may have a special meeting to pass this and mail it to all Acacia members so that we can do the final vote at the December Meeting.

Motion (Polacek, Boyd) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor. Motion passed (9/0/0).

**Clubhouse Director's Report:** Loretta Murray has nothing to report.

**Recreation Facilities Director's Report:** Amy Eckert has nothing to report.

**Grounds Maintenance Director's Report:** Tim Rost reports:

Service Requests: During the month 21 service requests for grounds were completed.

Tree Planting: During the month eight trees were purchased from Hinsdale Nurseries and planted in locations throughout Acacia.

Tree Removals: During the month four trees were removed by Family Tree Werks throughout Acacia. These trees were dead or in decline and were too large for our crew to remove.

True Green Treatment: The final treatment of the grass areas will be scheduled sometime over the next two weeks. Anyone not wanting the common ground area around their home treated should contact the office and we will put a sign on their lawn to skip their address.

North Entrance: I have been contacted by several residents about the condition of the north entrance island's landscape. I will be looking into the possibility of a redesign for next year.

**Townhome Maintenance Director's Report:** Peggy Rose Kwiatek reports we had 28 service requests this past month. 22 were completed and 6 are pending.

We had purchases of lumber this past month. From Standard Lumber, we purchased 40 2x12x20 boards for a total of \$7,024.00. From Hillside Lumber, we purchased 40 1x12x16 boards for a total of \$3,146.88.

The clubhouse parking lot is now being seal coated on Tuesday, Oct. 8 and Wednesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. No parking will be allowed until it is completely dry.

I received an email from a concerned resident about the chemicals in the sealcoating that Silhouette is using. She wondered if it could be dangerous to our health. Jose is looking into the elements used in the sealcoating.

