

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

December 2019

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Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, December 10, 2019

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important dates: December 27th Adult Holiday Party. See attached flyer

Office and Maintenance Holiday Hours:

Tuesday, December 24th – Office closed, maintenance closing at noon.

Wednesday, December 25th – Closed

Tuesday, December 31st – Closing at 12 noon

Wednesday, January 1st – Closed

Beginning January 2020, we will **NO LONGER MAIL** the newsletter to residents. Details can be found in minutes under office report. Form for signing up for e-mail delivery of newsletter is included in this newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION:

The Acacia Board election is February 25, 2020. There are **three** 3-year positions and **one** 2-year position to be filled. Volunteers are needed the day of the election to hand out and count ballots. Please call the office to sign up 708-246-2400.

If you would like to get involved and become a Board Member you need to submit a resume/letter of interest to the Acacia office by January 10, 2020. If you have any questions please call the office and a Board Member will be happy to contact you.

New coupon books for residents that pay by check have been ordered and will be mailed. If you don't receive them by January 1st please make your payment without the coupon. Be sure that your name and address are on your check or include name/address with payment. If you send payment directly from your bank, pay your assessments in full for the year or pay by ACH **you will NOT receive a coupon book.** The 2020 assessment is \$225.

Final budget is included in this newsletter.

Holiday garbage pick-up: Garbage pick-up will remain the same throughout the holidays. Pick-up will be Tuesdays.

Our new Rules/Regulations for Rental Units go into effect January 1, 2020. Please see complete Rules and Regulations for Rental Units which are posted on Acacia website under Association Documents.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7pm at the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting
December 10, 2019**

The Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 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, Murray, Boyd and Voyles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion (Kwiatek, Boyd) to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed. (8/0/0).

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 \$85,957 with other sources giving a total income of \$87,148. Expenses were \$65,524 leaving a net ordinary income of \$21,606. We are starting to see the net for the month building the fund balances for next year.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$3,262.21. 17 members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances.

We had 14 members miss their assessment payment. This cost each of them an extra fee and/or interest. Currently 226 members use the **ACH**, automatic bank withdrawal and 161 do not. **ACH** insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. **ACH** also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 58.4% 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	\$221,853.00
	Operating Fund Balance	\$551,713.73
	Total	\$773,566.73

Motion (Polacek, Kwiatek) to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed (8/0/0).

Motion (Polacek, Murray) to increase assessment \$5.00 for 2020. Motion Failed. (5/3/0)

Motion (Polacek, Eckert) to adopt the 2020 budget. (8/0/0)

Clubhouse Director's Report: Loretta Murray reports that visit with Santa is Sunday, December 15th at the Acacia Clubhouse. Doors open at 11am, Santa arrives at noon.

Effective January 1, 2020 there will be a new Clubhouse rental agreement.

2020 agreement:

200.00 Rental cost

50.00 deposit

150.00 balance due 2wks prior to party

Cost Breakdown

200.00 Rental cost

30.00 REFUND to residents (due 2 wks after party)

170.00 Pays attendant and association overhead cost

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert reports that we received the 2020 pool contract from Chicagoland Pool Management. The cost is about 4% more than last year - but the pool will be open for 1 week longer and minimum wage is again increasing by \$1.00 per hour this year.

Motion (Amy, John) to accept the contract from Chicagoland Pool Management in the amount of \$46,987.00 for the 2020 pool season. Motion passed. (8/0/0).

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Jack Brandush wants to remind you to check the website acacia-ihp.org when it snows so you can see the snow plow route. It takes between 6-8 hours to plow all driveways. Thank you for your patience.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek reports that 2 service requests were completed this past month. No new service requests for townhome maintenance will be accepted until April.

All crew members have gone home for the season. Jose remains on staff for the entire year.

