

# **ACACIA TIMES**

**THE ACACIA ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**July 2022**



**Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday 7/12/2022**

**Next Acacia Board Meeting Tuesday 8/09/2022**

## **Concrete Project Update –**

Please call Nettie at Andreas at 708-863-5735 if you have not received your quote yet.

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# ACACIA FAMILY FUN DAY

**Sunday – July 24th**

**\*\* Pool open 12-5 pm \*\***



*Water, soda, beer*

**Food served at 1:00 pm**

**Water Slide**

**1-4 pm**



**Food  
Drinks  
Games  
Fun**

**Pool  
ID's and  
guest  
passes  
required  
Limit of  
5 guests  
per  
family**

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Day** – Acacia Pool – 12:00 – 5:00 pm  
Come and enjoy good food, waterslide, swimming, volleyball, and your neighbors

**Saturday – August 20<sup>th</sup> – Movie in the Park** – Blackhawk Park  
Disney's' Descendants

### DID YOU KNOW

The 7 members of the grounds crew are responsible for maintaining 55 acres of land in Acacia. This includes cutting the grass, edging, trimming trees and bushes, removing dead bushes and small trees, weeding all common areas around trees and bushes, watering new trees, emergency clean up after storms and more.

### REMINDERS

**All** dogs and cats are to be on a leash when they are outside – even if they are only in your yard. This is a village ordinance as well as an Acacia rule.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and clean up your dog waste – whether it's in your yard, your neighbors, on common property or in the park.

### Garbage

- If you have 1 large item, you can put it at the curb for pickup on regular garbage day.
- If you have an appliance or electronic item, you must contact SBC to schedule pickup.
- If you need blue bags you need to contact SBC and request them.

You should email SBC at [residential@sbcwastesolutions.com](mailto:residential@sbcwastesolutions.com) or call them at 312-522-1115. Give your name and address and tell them you live in Acacia, so you are not charged for pick up. Several people have told us that they get the best results using the email contact rather than calling and leaving a message.

# The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting July 12, 2022

The Board of Directors Meeting of July 12, 2022 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Amy Eckert.

Directors in attendance were: President Amy Eckert, VP Peggy Rose Kwiatek, Treas. Diane Voyles, Director Patti Chiappetta, Tom Herley. Absent: Director Lyn McMillin, Ben Boyd, Joe Consolo, Jennifer Cione (arrived at 7:20)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by: Diane Voyles, Peggy Rose Kwiatek - 5/4/0 motion passed.

## Treasurers Report: Treasurers Report – Diane Voyles

Income	\$90,710.00	(assessments, late fees, closing fees, etc.)
Expenses	\$122,351.86	
Capital Expense		None this month
Transfer to Capital		Still working out the account consolidation issues
NET INCOME	<u>-\$31,641.00</u>	

Summer expenses are generally larger than our monthly income.

### As of June 30, 2022:

Operating Accounts	\$586,526.98
Restricted Fund	\$231,210.67

At the close of June there are 17 accounts past due for a total of \$6,744.92 due to missed assessment payments, late fees and fines. Two accounts are on payment plans. This is a decrease by 2 accounts. However, the total balance has increased.

Residents are encouraged to enroll in ACH – automatic payment – for monthly assessments. This avoids any chance of missed payments and late fees. Currently 63% of residents use ACH. There is no charge for ACH and the assessment amount is withdrawn from your account on the 15th of each month.

Since the last board meeting, the following was accomplished:

- Investigating direct deposit (ACH) for payroll
- Letters mailed out to all ACH users announcing September date change
- Continue to work through/resolve issues with account consolidations done last month

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as prepared by staff. Amy Eckert, Peggy Rose Kwiatek  
5/4/0

## **Clubhouse Director's Report:**

There were 5 clubhouse rentals in the month of June.

Our clubhouse was used for the election on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. I opened the doors at 5:00 am and closed the clubhouse at 8:00 pm. Acacia receives \$100.00 for housing the election.

We have a quote from U.S. Waterproofing for repair of clubhouse foundation for \$11,800.00. There were 2 other quotes that need to be looked at before we can vote on accepting one. Peggy Rose will get the information and send a motion for approval later.

## **Recreation Facilities Director's Report:**

### **Courts:**

We have a tentative installation date of the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>. As soon as it is confirmed we will post information because the pool and courts will be closed the day they will be installing the lights.

Reminders – please read the rules and follow them especially the following:

- No eating in the court areas
- Only plastic bottles – NO GLASS OF ANY KIND
- Pick up after yourself – use the trash cans
- No rollerblading, skateboards, scooters, or bikes allowed in the court areas
- No shovels can be used on the courts
- Make sure you lock the courts when you leave

Joe and Edita (residents) are willing to host a lesson in how to play pickleball. They are planning on having a group lesson on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm if you are interested join them on the courts. If you have any questions, please give Joe a call at 708-369-3421.

### **Family Fun Day:**

Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm.

Come out and enjoy hot dogs, brats, beer, soda, chips, cookies and fun in the sun. Get a group together for volleyball, enjoy the water slide and visiting with neighbors.

Residents can bring up to 5 guests for the day. Guest passes will be required. If you plan to swim you will need a current Pool ID.

We need volunteers to help with set up, serving, clean up and games. Please call the office if you would like to help us out.

**REMINDER: The pool will only be open from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm for Family Fun Day.**

### **Pool:**

Reminder – you are not to eat on the deck – if you are snacking use the picnic table areas.

There are lots of items in the lost and found – if you are missing something please ask the guards to show you what has been left at the pool.

Also, there are many Pool IDs that have not been picked up. If you had a new ID or a replacement made this year, please stop at the pool and pick it up.

### **Grounds Maintenance Director's Report:**

Since the last Board meeting, we completed 25 grounds service requests.

We picked up seasonal needs at Menards and Home Depot.

We oversaw the installation of three new wooden light poles for the parking lot lights and reestablished electrical connection to the poles.

We purchased \$124.70 in gas for the truck.

We purchased \$624.85 worth of gas for the lawn machines and carts.

Blue Bags are provided by SBC to be used for recyclables. They are not being supplied so people can use them for other things. The roll of blue bags that SBC hands out contains 100 blue bags. There is no reason a resident would need more than one roll to cover a number of months. A resident that uses one blue bag a week should be able to go almost two years of use out of one roll.

When calling or emailing SBC for a bulk pick up, please identify yourself as an Acacia Resident. The person receiving the request does not always recognize your address as being in Acacia. Our contract calls for free bulk pick up and no stickers. Other areas in Indian Head Park have to pay such fees.

Monday, September 5, which is Labor Day, is the next major holiday that will cause garbage pick up to be moved back a day. Garbage pick up for that week will be Saturday, September 10.

### **Townhome Maintenance Director's Report:**

- Completed 7 Townhome service requests in June
- Power washing underway at 2 to 10 Westwood
- Carpenters for paint cycle are currently at 22 to 28 Elmwood
- Stucco repairs for paint cycle are at 29 to 35 Elmwood

### **Cement Replacement:**

Andreas has sent out all cement proposals to residents. We should know by July 18<sup>th</sup> what the Acacia discount is going to be applied on each resident's proposal. Last count we had 61 residents who have cement proposals from Andreas.

### **Driveway replacement and seal coating 2022:**

I budgeted \$60,000 for both in 2022 – I figured a 5% increase in cost over 2021. We all know we are in a super inflationary time and any product made from oil has risen beyond our understanding; just look at the price of a gallon of gas. The proposal came in from Territory Paving to replace 15,569 sq. ft. of driveways for \$48,234. The proposal for sealcoating from A & M came in at \$33,431. Total cost of \$81,674. I am proposing we delay driveway replacement

and sealcoating this year. I am waiting on a proposal to sealcoat only the 15 drives that were replaced last year. This is advised for a new asphalt drive one year old for long term durability. Seal coating can be done every 3 years for continued durability – we have always seal coated every 2 years, but more for appearance than function.

Diane suggested that we go ahead and sealcoat regular driveways as usual this year as the money is in the budget for this (1/2 of driveways and those that were replaced last year).

Motion to accept bid for sealcoating this year from A&M in the amount of \$33,431.00.  
Diane Voyles, Amy Eckert 5/3/0.

**Curb Cutting for Driveways:**

The proposal to cut a six-foot strip of asphalt out of the end of drive way, from A & M paving is \$510 for a 6 ft deep x 17 ft wide strip (102 SF) \$510.00 for single drive.

The proposal for a 6 ft deep x 37 ft wide strip (222 SF) is \$1,110 for double drive – The curb cut cost is \$360 – I again think this is oil price driven and the price will come down in future – If a resident still wants to proceed they can call the office and leave their contact info and I will send them the contact info for Territory Paving and the curb cutting company and they can arrange for the job to be done.

**Village Relations Director's Report:**

Nothing new to report in July.

**Architecture and Landscape Director's Report:**

10 new ALCC request were approved and 7 inspections of completed projects were done in June.

Concrete Project: If you accept the bid for concrete work from Andreas and you are just replacing like for like you will not need to fill out an ALCC Request of Approval. BUT, if you are making any changes to existing concrete (e.g., longer sidewalk) you will need to fill out ALCC Request for Approval and a deposit will be required. If you are unsure whether or not you need to complete paperwork, please call the office.

**Welcome baskets:**

No welcome baskets were delivered in the month of June. Remember, if you have recently moved to Acacia, you may contact the office for a welcome basket visit.

**Acacia Office:**

We planned on having the phone directory ready earlier, but realized it needed more updating. Hoping to have it ready to go within the next few weeks.

Liz is working on a new website for Acacia, and we will keep you posted when it is ready to launch.

## **Homeowner Forum:**

Patti from Elmwood concerns:

When crew is done for the day, they are not cleaning up well before they leave for the day. She has found nails laying in grass area several days (other residents have told her they also find them).

Her water spigot was broken, her window well cover did not fit after wood replaced, aluminum frame on window was dented, messy caulk spread on roof shingles. Jose and Tim will talk to crew and inspect work area at end of day as needed.

Maureen from Cascade thanked the Board members for the time they give to Acacia.

## **New Business:**

Diane would like to schedule a meeting for residents to explain budget process, share what has happened to our costs over the past few years and get input from residents as to what they feel is important as we start the process of developing next year's budget. She will have suggested dates/times at the August meeting

Patti asked about Acacia having a Facebook page, Instagram page and Simplicity app as additional ways to get information out to our residents. She is willing to organize and get this going. It was discussed and Board decided to start with a Facebook page for Acacia. She also said she is willing to help any residents get set up to use.

Motion to close Open Session - Amy Eckert, Peggy Rose Kwiatek 6/3/0



# VILLAGE NEWS

## Batteries & Light Bulbs May Be Recycled at Village Hall



**Another benefit to the Village's franchise agreement with SBC Waste Solutions is residents can now recycle their light bulbs and batteries right at Village Hall. Simply bring your old batteries and light bulbs to Village Hall during regular business hours and consider it done!**

**Vehicle stickers were due to be displayed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet purchased your 2022 vehicle sticker you can do so at Village Hall.**

**The village staff is working with the contractor to keep adding stone to the north entrance – and they are hoping that the strike is over soon and work can be started again.**

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## Acacia Sales June 2022

1 Sweetwood Ct.	\$300,000
35 Westwood Ct.	\$330,000
2 Stonehearth Ln.	\$338,000



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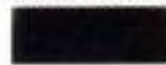
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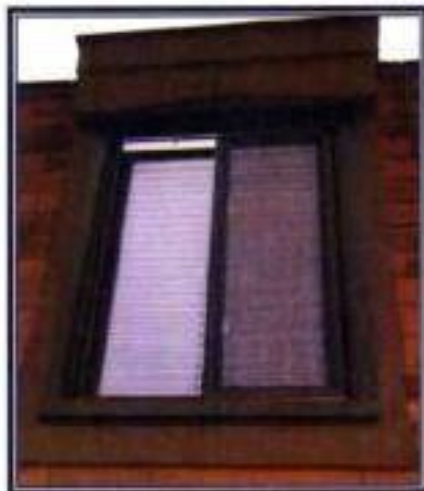


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