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Oak Terrace 2011 Annual General Meeting

It was a disappointing turnout of residents for this year's meeting, unfortunately.

Diana O'Kelly, Lake Co. Board member, Bill Grinnell, Highway Commissioner, and Kris Kazian, Deputy Fire Chief, presented early in the meeting.

Among the many topics covered were a variety of issues for the county, and some specifics for us homeowners: 1) change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries with the change from daylight saving—a little late but you can still check 'em; 2) If calling the fire or police departments, ensure you give them your five digit street number as that's what they use to pinpoint your location, also ensure your 5 digit # is prominently displayed at your home—this could save precious time; 3) OT's speed humps will still be placed, before the bad weather arrives if possible, or after it ends in the Spring. The new ordinance on Nuisance Violations (which we gave you in last month's Acorn) was reviewed and the process much improved in terms of effectiveness and speed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Dan Griffin, along with the 2012 budget.

Delinquent dues were discussed and will be handled by the law firm on retainer to OT.

Results of the election of Board members were announced: Colleen Hodges of Maple, Dan Griffin of Oak; Manny Emmanuel of Willow, Radu Roman of Lake View, Frank Cirrincione of Willow, Jim Loring of Maple, and Ramona Triebold of Lake View was named Alternate.

Officers were elected at the Board meeting following the AGM:

President: Greg Denny of Elmwood, Vice President: Greg Zink of Elmwood,

Treasurer: Dan Griffin of Oak, Secretary: Emmanuel Flores of Willow.

Many thanks to those who are retiring. You have done a great job. And best wishes to the newbies who've joined the Board—enjoy your tenure!

Deceptive Burglaries Alert

This came through from Diana O'Kelly in October and is worth noting.

Police Departments throughout Lake County have been reporting numerous burglaries where individuals posing as an inspector or salesman knock on the door, and engage the homeowner in an "official" conversation while someone else enters the home and quickly steals valuables. The burglaries typically occur before 5:00 p.m.

If it happens to you, don't allow the person inside, don't exit the house, immediately call the police, give them a description of the individuals and their car and the direction they're traveling.

Please talk with any elderly neighbors about this as they're often victims. NICOR, ComEd, and Village employees wear identifiable clothing, are trained to present identification, and will understand if you call the police to verify.

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Condolences

To **Cindy and James Murray** of Hickory and their family on the recent death of Gertrude. We are so sorry for your loss. She was a grand dog.

Correction re Swim Raft...from October's Acorn

Trev Homsey of Lake View helped secure the good deal OT received from Munson Marine and his truck was used to pick it up. He and Dan Griffin and his son Matt of Oak put the raft in at Beach Park.

Rich Rieck of Lake View and Ron Aidikonis of Hickory took it out at the end of the season.

Many thanks to you all!!!

Santa's OT Visit

He's already been in touch with Ray Sipowicz of Lake View to let him know that HE will be in Oak Terrace on Friday, December 16, around 7:00 p.m.

Parents leave a gift for their children outside their front doors, which Santa will bag when he arrives, before he knocks.

Anyone wishing a visit should contact Ray at 847-949-9737. Ho, Ho, Ho!

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If you would like to place a classified ad, contact Ann Sipowicz at 847-949-9737 or ansipowicz@gmail.com. Anything reasonable will be posted, and the cost is \$1 per ad.

Anyone looking for full- or part-time work, this, too, can be accommodated—at no charge.

OT Website

It's up. The URL is: <http://www.oakterrace.org/index.html> Give it a try.

Winter in Oak Terrace

This'll be the last Acorn of the year, so our chance to say **Happy Holidays All!** And, please be careful when the bad weather arrives, particularly on the lake. Get your cars out of the street for the snowplows. Don't let your kids go on the ice until the fishermen are out.

Oak Terrace Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except for January) at 7:00 p.m., at the Countryside Fire Department on Midlothian Road, south west of 60/83.

Turn west at that junction and you'll see the fire station on your left just beyond the shopping plaza. Enter through the side main door and take the stairs or elevator to the second level conference room. The building is handicap-friendly. All residents are warmly welcome.