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AND HERE'S OAK TERRACE'S EASTER!

The parade and hunt were graced by a gorgeous day—the warmest in recent memory. Neighborhood children and many visiting grandchildren participated.

Check out the Bunny costume. **Woody** and **Jenny Illing** of **Maple** donated a new Bunny costume to Oak Terrace which is really beautiful. Thank you guys!

The winner of the Decorated Wheels contest was **Wolfgang Snyder** of **Lake View** and the winner of the Easter Topper was **Luke Johnsonbaugh** of **Maple**. Congratulations kids. Good Job!

Many thanks to **Colleen Hodges** of **Maple** for organizing Oak Terrace's yearly Easter tradition for the young 'uns.

April Board Meeting

Again, a busy meeting this month with a larger than usual attendance drawn by discussion of the Amended & Restated Declaration of Covenants & Restrictions for OTIA.

As you already know, at the November 2011 Annual General Meeting members voted to convert our association into a **Common Interest Community Association**.

Basically the requirements are not much different than the bylaws we've been operating under since Oak Terrace was developed many years ago to cover the land residents own in common—the parks, the channel and the Lot 1 lakefront—but brings them current in terms of language, and fits the format legally required for associations in the State of Illinois.

The Board was motivated originally to look into becoming current with our bylaws due to the difficulty and costs incurred in collecting delinquent dues for Oak Terrace, some going back many years, steadily mounting, and leaving dues-paying residents bearing higher yearly dues than they would otherwise.

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There are two areas in which there *are* differences: 1) requiring dues to be based on the PIN number attached to residents' particular lots; and, 2) whether there should be a provision for senior discounts. The question of senior discounts is currently being looked into by the Board.

Regarding PIN numbers: OTIA dues are expected for each PIN-numbered lot owned by a resident. If you own 2 or more lots on which your house is built, it's possible to merge the separate PIN numbers into one, thereby paying Association dues only on one lot. To consolidate PIN numbers your can call the Lake County **GIS/Mapping Division** at **847-377-2373** or go to their website at: www.lakecountyil.gov/mapping for further information.

Should you decide to sell one of your lots at a later date the PIN numbers can be 'unconsolidated' **providing that lot meets the standard lot size designated by the GIS/ Mapping Division.** (One would be wise to keep documentation confirming this on file should that circumstance arise).

In 2013, residents will receive their yearly Association dues statements based upon the PIN numbers on file with Lake County, so we have a little while to get our paperwork in order.

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Community Piers

There are just a few slots available. If you're interested in renting one, they're \$300 for the season, and will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis. Contact **Dan Griffin** at **630-337-1840** or **dangriffin26344@yahoo.com**. Happy boating!

Boat Ramp Keys.....

are now available from **Ray Sipowicz** at **19108 Lake View**, **847-949-9737. \$25** and the return of last year's key. Otherwise it will be **\$50** if the records show you had a key last year and can't return it. As usual, they are only sold to members in good standing, so please be sure your dues are current. You might want to give him a quick call before coming over.

Emergency Phone

In compliance with the State of Illinois Beach Rules, an emergency telephone will be installed at Beach Park over the next month when a line has been run in. It should be stressed with all the children that this will be for emergencies only, or there could be penalties.

Oak Terrace Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except for January and December) 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.