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OAK TERRACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 7:00P.M.

You've got it on your calendars from last month's Acorn, right. (The Countryside Fire Station on Midlothian—the same place monthly board meetings are held.)

Prior to the meeting, ballots for election to the Board will go out to the membership. There are 5 positions available and anyone interested in becoming a Board Member should contact Secretary **Colleen Hodges** at **847-949-8011** or **mchodg@aol.com** so your name may be added to the ballot.

Diana O'Kelly—Lake County Board Member and Fremont Township Supervisor will be present for the beginning of the meeting, as will **Bill Grinnell**—Fremont Township Highway Commissioner, **Mike McNally**—Countryside Fire Protection District, and **Julie Jacobson**—OTIA Attorney.

They will be available to answer questions you may have and, of particular interest may be **Julie Jacobson**, in view of the OT lot owners who are dealing with the vexing question of the separation/joining of lots/PINs. OT president **Greg Denny** did receive some clarification on this from our attorney, but it seems more may be needed. One concern is the costs involved and who should bear those costs, or how much should involve Oak Terrace and how much the individual owner.

A topic which will be on the meeting agenda: The Board is currently researching book-keeping/accounting services to handle OT finances and bids have been offered for: 1) One time fee of \$1200 and \$250/monthly; 2) No set-up fee and \$275/monthly; And, 3) set-up fee of \$600 and \$300/monthly, plus extras. Additionally, the cost of an audit could run to \$5000.

A resident at the October meeting asked for an explanation of the need to hire a management company. The reasons given were: 1) the number of hours necessary to invoice, manage, generate reports, enter payments, collections, etc; 2) It is a volunteer board without accounting experience; 3) OT would be provided with greater financial accountability; and, 4) it would provide protection for board members and residents.

There'll be major business discussed at the meeting: financials for the current year explained; a budget for the following year to be presented; and an opportunity for community members to have their voices heard. If there is something you would like addressed, please contact either **Colleen**, or **Greg Denny** at **847-566-8368** **gdenny@emt.com** so you may be included on the agenda.

If anyone out there has any ideas or input, now's the time to step up. Things are happening here that will affect us all for years to come. Come to the meeting. Offer your input, creative ideas, resources. The people will be present who can provide you with some answers. We look forward to seeing you there.

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ENVIRONMENT

Three bids have been obtained for tree trimming and the removal of some trees, particularly on shared properties where they may be dangerous. The tree recently split in a storm at Beach Park will be removed as will the Willow tree at the park on Elmwood/Willow. The lowest bid of \$3995.00 was accepted. There is approximately \$1,000 remaining in the parks maintenance budget, and the remainder will come from reserve funds as some trees pose a danger to our property and residents.

Lake County Public Works has been working for some considerable time at the junction of Elmwood and Maple—the new pumping station. Currently it looks an eyesore and work seems to have slowed to a stop. President **Greg Denny** will speak to someone in authority at Lake County Public Works and find out what plans are afoot to beautify the area.

TRANSITIONS

The **Sipowiczs** of **Lake View** would like to express their thanks for the many condolences they received on the death of their German Shepherd, Max, in the early Spring. It was surprising how well known he was. Only 5.5 years old, he contracted a large cancerous growth and needed to be euthanized—a peaceful process for him and a painful one for us.

However, we eventually recovered and invited a Doberman pup (little or no hair—bliss) into our home. Kaiser SoZe. He's a delight, and presently away for three weeks of boot camp to learn his manners et al. A vacation for us.

(Your editor had some space to fill.)

CONNECTIONS

When you're next on line, check out our OTweb site: oakterrace.org. There's some good information on there. Meeting minutes first hand. You could also give Oak Terrace a 'LIKE' when you're on Face Book.

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/left 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 welcome.