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OAK TERRACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

Diana O'Kelly—Lake County Board Member and Freemont Township Supervisor, Bill Grinnell—Freemont Township Highway Commissioner, Mike McNally—Countryside Fire Protection District, and Julie Jacobson—OTIA Attorney each presented on their particular areas of expertise. Countrysidefire.com is the website to access for open burning requirements and, from the fire department's perspective, it is vital house numbers be clearly displayed—either on the house or mailbox—and an outside light should be turned on if you are calling either Fire or Ambulance.

Members from 2013 were re-elected to the 2014 Board, with the exception of Tracy Kleinschmidt, who is our old friend Cara Cuny's daughter. Welcome Tracy. Greg Denny remains President, Al Johnsonbaugh is the new Vice President (the Greg Zink family have relocated—we're sorry to see you go, Greg, thank you for all your hard work). Dan Griffin continues as Treasurer and Colleen Hodges as Secretary. Let's pledge to make their work less taxing in 2014 by heeding our responsibilities as home owners of Oak Terrace. (We'll also be saying goodbye to the Cirrincione family of Willow who are moving to Indianapolis to be closer to family—Frank has been a valuable member of the Board over the years.)

Expenses for last year were reviewed, and the 2014 Budget presented. There was lively discussion on items budgeted for next year with some folks feeling that, as there was so much costly work done with trees and parks in 2013, it would be prudent to delay other large jobs until we have built up the kitty more. Nothing has been settled re the entrance to Lake View Park, and it sounds like an expensive project. The Board would still like suggestions on that: one of which is to tear down and flatten the present walkway.

Also raised by the current Board was their desire to build up a reserve fund separate from budgeted amounts—a suggestion that was endorsed by many present as Oak Terrace prospective home buyers and real estate agents are becoming increasingly sensitive to an association's reserve fund and it can make a difference in purchase/sales price.

Discussion of algae in the lake/channel centered on Mundelein Park District's responsibility and the ineffectiveness of last seasons treatment. It seems an unreliable contractor was hired by MPD to do the job. Greg Denny will coordinate with the District around the next effort, and Larry **Shifley** offered to lend a hand based on his previous relationship with the district president.

It was a well attended general meeting that concluded close to 9:00 p.m. when the Board and its newly elected members met to sort out responsibility and agree on officers.

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN!

We have it on reliability authority that the Jolly Elf himself will stop off in Oak Terrace on Friday, December 20, around 7:00 p.m.

Those of you with children wishing a visit should call **Ray Sipowicz** at **847-949-9737** so he can make the arrangements for you.

Meanwhile, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, everyone!

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The grandson of Meridy Niederkorn of Maple had the awful experience of being attacked by a pit bull recently. He lost his ears in the attack. Please send her and him your good thoughts, prayers and blessings for his healing—thank you. We are really sorry that your grandson and family were subjected to this ordeal.

LAST WORDS.....

Full winter will soon be upon us—please reiterate with your children, and anyone else, that we really know the lake is safe to walk/play on when the ice fishermen are out.

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.