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OAK TERRACE MARCH 2014 BOARD MEETING

This first meeting of 2014 was held at the Fire Station. Welcome to 2014!

Dan Griffin, treasurer, presented his report. It appears that some homeowners who split their double lots into more than one PIN# have paid only their dues for the original one PIN# instead of for each PIN as was agreed on before they split. Probably an oversight. Please get them in as soon as possible. Oak Terrace financials are in a moderately sound position. Otherwise, money on long-overdue-dues is gradually being reduced, with some still with the attorney's office and being acted upon. Anyone in this position can make arrangements with Dan without the additional expense of their having to pay the attorney fees in addition to their dues.

The stair railings at **Lake View Park** have been taken down, but should be considered **DANGEROUS**. Please use caution when in the park, until a new design has been implemented.

Negotiations with the **Mundelein Park District** regarding the algae in the lake are going forward, so there should be a cooperative effort this year to eliminate, or greatly reduce the problem. **Tracy Kleinschmidt** of **Lake View** has been doing some good work on **OT's** behalf with this. The **MPD** is also interested in working on the zebra mussel problem that's been evident for the last few years (brought into the lake on the hull of an outside boat).

The Board is looking for ways to slow down the traffic by the entrance to **Beach Park**. Parents, please alert your children to the possibility of cars cutting through **Oak Terrace** from **60/83**, some travelling at a fast rate, well above the speed allowed, as they come down **Lake View** over the bridge, onto **Willow** and out to **Diamond Lake Road**.

As far as **Beach Park** is concerned, it sounds as though the buoys surrounding the swim area will need to be replaced this year. The old ones have done many, many years of service—longer than this writer can count—thanks to **Dave Gnad**t of **Elmwood** and his bi-yearly task of putting them in and taking them out, and caring for them over the winters.

EASTER PARADE, SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 11:00 a.m.

The Polar Vortex notwithstanding, the parade will begin at **11:00 a.m.** at **Willow** and **Elmwood**. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated wheels and wagons, and Easter Bonnets for kids and big kids. The **Easter Egg Hunt** will be at the end of the parade at **Lake View Park**, following the judging.

Parents: Please get your donated filled eggs, wrapped candy or money, to **Colleen Hodges** at **26269 Mapel**—as many eggs as you think your children will scramble for. **Colleen's** phone# **847-567-1045**, email: **mchodg@aol.com**. **Happy Hunting!**

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OAK TERRACE ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, ET AL

This has been a prolific winter for coyotes. Many have been sighted, four at one time on the channel, they are on the lake, and crossing peoples' yards. We think they come in through a drainage pipe under 60/83. There's no guarantee they have returned to the woods yet. They are hungry. It's been a long winter and it's not quite over yet. Small dogs, cats, and even small children could be in danger from them. They will attack dogs. One sighted on the lake was as large as a large German Shepherd. They are clearly in Oak Terrace because they're finding sustenance and there's limited resources for them in the woods currently. **Please ensure your garbage is well sealed, and that you leave no food outside for stray cats or other animals.**

And, on the subject of garbage, a heads up: people have been seen putting their garbage in their neighbors' bins, or in the park bins. Dog poop is not routinely being picked up on the streets or in the parks by *all* dog walkers—and carries a bacteria that can harm children. Street parking on **Willow** and **Elmwood** is getting complaints.

LAKE VIEW PARK WALKWAY SOLUTIONS

How about railroad ties embedded into the ground going down a gentle slope to the flat ground, at the north side of the park, as they have in the forest preserves, with a hand railing on one side? Or a set of wide, shallow concrete steps also with a handrail? Or do you have a more creative idea? The present set-up worked for a while but it has deteriorated. We need a solution that will enable older people to get down the slope in the safest way possible. Meanwhile, avoid the current stairs. Please send your ideas to **Greg Denny** at: **Gdenny@emt.com** or call him at: **847-566-8368**.

TRANSITIONS

We should like to offer our condolences the **Samples of Willow** on the recent death of Matt's mother. We are very sorry for your loss.

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.