

The Acorn est 1996

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Oak Terrace Neighbors

The Annual Board meeting was held on November 7th to a great turnout of residents. The Ballots were counted and the 2019 Board was determined. The following 2018 officers were re-elected for 2019: William Yarbrough, Kevin Shiffley and Ramona Triebold. The Board wishes to Thank outgoing members Dan Griffin and Alfonso Contreras. Dan served as the 'Parks' Committee member and over saw many projects to better our Beach and Parks, your input and help has been most appreciated. I think I can speak on behalf of the neighborhood by saying Thank you to all of the 2018 Board Members for taking the time and responsibility for Operating and Managing our Association, please know you are appreciated! The Board welcomes New Members Richard Reick, Ken Hohs and Nancy Krejsa (Lakeview residents), Congratulations and Thank you for your commitment! The 2019 Board will Operate with a new President, Tracy Kleinschmidt . Tracy takes over from Greg Denny who is now Vice President. Thank you Greg for all of your hard work as President over the last few years and for your continuation as Vice President. You are a true advocate for our neighborhood and Lake and we appreciate you too!



If you were not able to attend the Board meeting or the Monthly meetings but would still like to share your thoughts/questions/comments/ideas - please contact President Tracy Kleinschmidt, Oak Terrace neighbors or the Acorn, we welcome residents voicing their opinions.

The Board would also like to thank the following speakers who were present at the meeting:

Fireman Tony Rodkey shared information about open burning. Briefly, keep burning to daylight hours in a 5-15mph wind speed. No street burning at any time. Please visit countrysidefire.com for additional information. New flyers with updated changes have been placed on the Oak Terrace Message boards.

Lake County Supervisor Diane O'Kelly spoke about the fantastic voter turnout at her location on Election day. 4300 Voters passed through the doors and it all went smoothly. She also spoke about the referendum to use a single waste hauler. The referendum passed at 61% and will go out to bid in early 2019. For more information on this and other events and programs you can subscribe to Diana's Newsletter at diana@fremonttownship.com

Highway Commissioner Bill Grinnell talked about getting ready for the snow. He stated that the EPA has cracked down on Salt usage on the roads. He spoke about using a new product this year, transitioning from Salt to a liquid <Beet Juice> as a more environmentally friendlier product. Beet juice is becoming a very popular snow and ice fighting tool. It is organic, reduces corrosion, melts to very low temperatures and reduces the amount of material needed for application. The mixture helps rock salt melt ice below its 15-degree limit and helps municipalities melt larger amounts of ice and clean up snow more quickly. It is also sticky, preventing salt rocks from bouncing off of the road as cars drive past. For more information visit highway@fremonttownship.com

Lake County Board Representative Chuck Bartels gave an overview of the Current County Projects including Planning, Building and Zoning. For more information visit CBartels@lakecountyil.gov

Tori Tratscht spoke about the Diamond Lake Cooperative Preservation strategy (Please see last months Acorn Newsletter) regarding the Grant, specifically the Stewardship guide she is preparing for an early 2019 release. She noted ways to take care of our Lake, Fertilize less, Salt less, remove leaves from the street to prevent going into drains. She mentioned that the lake is now 23.6 feet as opposed to 25 feet in 1997. Also, our watershed area is larger then previously thought and runs down towards and into Diamond lake. Rain Gardens help with runoff and will be highlighted in an early 2019 Acorn Newsletter about where and how to plant them. Please contact Tracy Kleinschmidt, Oak Terrace neighbors or The Acorn if you would like to plant or help to plant a rain garden next Spring.

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Treasurer report

OTIA Treasurer William Yarbrough gave the 2018 Budget overview (mailed out along with the Ballots in October). Notably the association dues will stay at \$170 for 2019. He spoke about Delinquent dues and the process the Board takes to pursue moneys owed. Currently there are 33 delinquent accounts, 17 owe \$500+ and 6 account for \$17,000, a small amount of accounts in arrears were reconciled. If necessary, please contact William to make payment arrangements. If there is financial hardship of any kind, efforts can be made to assist home owners out of arrears. <More about Dues, what they cover and how these payments in a timely manner benefit our neighborhood will be highlighted in an early 2019 Acorn newsletter>. William also says there are many additional Budget items and posed the question of how do we pay for them without raising Dues? He rightly iterates that residents need to attend the meetings and give their input.

I would like to use this platform to Thank William on behalf of Residents and the Board for the tough and Thankless role of Treasurer, It is no easy feat and we appreciate you!

Turkey Trot

The 1st Annual Turkey Trot was a fantastic event with an impressive turnout. Thank you to everyone who participated! The weather cooperated and it was a very Pleasant start to the day. For more pictures stop by the Oak Terrace message boards or follow Oak Terrace Neighbors on Face Book and Instagram.

**Save the date:****Santa's Cottage, December 1st, 8th, 15th, Mundelein Village Hall, 300 Plaza Circle**

Santa's Cottage is one of Mundelein's most cherished events in the eyes of children and their parents. Hosted by the Mundelein Community Connection, a visit to Santa's Cottage is a memorable experience year in and year out.

The Polar Express, December 8, 3.00pm, Prairie Crossing Metra Station

www.mundelein.org

Next Board Meeting: December 5th, 7.00pm Countryside Fire station

In this month's 'Get to know your neighbor' Q and A, OTIA Secretary Colleen Hodges of Maple shares her answers....

1. How long have you lived in Oak Terrace? - I've lived in Oak Terrace a total of 42 years. Moved into the subdivision in 1971, moved out when I got married in 1975 and then we bought our current home in 1980
2. Favorite food? - Really good, Southern style barbecue
3. Favorite song - The Beatles "In My Life"
4. Last book you read? - "A Higher Loyalty" by James Comey
5. Favorite memory of Oak Terrace? - There are so many from being a teenager hanging out in bikinis at the beach, to raising my kids here and watching them be teenagers at the beach, and now my grandkids! I spent my teen years living with my sister in the brick ranch across the street from where we live now. My husband and I, when we were dating, would sit in the driveway and look at our current home and dream about living here. We planned our life in that driveway and made it a reality as the years went on
6. How would you spend an ideal day? - On my deck, grilling some delicious food, watching my kids and grandkids running around the yard laughing and playing
7. Biggest fear? - Losing a loved one
8. What makes you happy? - My family, my students accomplishing their goals, and a really good burger!
9. Pet Peeve? - Putting the toilet paper roll on incorrectly. Always over, not under!
10. Random fact about you? - I have been a PADI certified SCUBA diver since I was 15 and spent time wreck diving in the Great Lakes. I've been in Diamond Lake, too



