

# The Acorn

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## Oak Terrace Neighbors

As we fast approach Valentine's day and express our love and gratitude for those we care about in our lives, Let us also take a moment to think about our Oak Terrace neighbors and community at large. Last months Acorn highlighted some of the Wonderful things that our Board does to benefit our community, this month I want to share some of the things we can do to be a good neighbor, also benefiting our community as a whole.

Good neighbors result in safer streets and a caring neighborhood but what does it mean to be a good neighbor and how can we really make our community a strong and safe place to live?

### What can I do to be a good Neighbor?

- If you haven't done so already, Introduce yourself to your neighbor and establish a good relationship
- Be friendly, a smile or 'Hello' can go a long way toward establishing positive relationships with neighbors. You don't have to be the best of friends but a simple smile or friendly 'Hello' is better than a glare or simply ignoring or being ignored
- Respect your neighbors. Oak Terrace is diverse and your neighbors may not agree with you. However, we can always treat each other with respect and handle situations maturely. If you do encounter a problem, head it off by talking before an issue escalates
- Love your home. Pride in ownership is obvious when the residents, whether renters or owners, maintain their homes and care about their neighborhood
- Be considerate about noise, reasonable about Pets, Park kindly and drive slowly!
- Finally, get involved! Attend meetings and events, help when and where you can

In General, Kindness, Goodness, Humility, Openness, Politeness and Helpfulness are qualities of a good neighbor. We all want to enjoy those we live around and hopefully want them to enjoy living by us too.

### From the mouth of Babes

'From the comments of children, who are honest and innocent', This expression is sometimes used as a stand-alone phrase, with the implied completion "comes truth or wisdom", and sometimes this expression is actually followed by words of that kind. Bearing this in mind, I decided to ask the Children of Oak Terrace what they think it means to be a good neighbor...

"If you have a Hot tub, you can let them use it. You can also bake them Cookies" - Emma Welle (7) of Walnut

"Be open to helping your neighbor when they need it. Make sure everyone feels comfortable and welcome" - Savannah Sample (11) of Willow

"Play all day" - Blake Sample of Willow (3)

"When you are in trouble or someone wants to kidnap you, you can come to every single neighbors house and they will help you" - Anastasia Driza (10) of Lakeview

"You can help your neighbor shovel their driveway. You can invite them outside to play" - Emery Jakoubek (8) of Oak

"You can tend to their house while they are on vacation or away. You can help to put groceries by their door or inside if you are allowed" - Logan Jakoubek (10) of Oak

*"Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person" - Mr. Rogers*

### Consider helping your elderly Neighbors during the Winter months

Sometimes something as simple as a phone call or knocking on the door of an elderly neighbor in the bitter cold weather can literally save a life. It only takes a moment to check in and make sure that your elderly neighbors are doing alright. Don't be bashful, check in on them and say "hi", and consider asking if they need any assistance. Maybe an offer to shovel a driveway or sidewalk, porch steps or railings. An offer to keep their path way snow and Ice free. Do they have operational heat, water? Are they feeling well? Maintaining contact and a can-help attitude can help stave off preventable illnesses or the winter blues. Showing a little kindness also goes a long way too.



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## Ways to connect with your Neighbors and Community via The Internet and Social Media

There are many portals of information that we can use to connect with our neighbors and community at large. The following list of Websites and Facebook pages contain local information and resources available that you are encouraged to explore!

### Websites:

[www.oakterrace.org](http://www.oakterrace.org) - Bear with us, this Oak Terrace page is currently being updated. You can find Board minutes of meetings as well as Oak Terrace news and events

[www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com) - This is an excellent site that serves nationwide communities. Just select 'Oak Terrace' as your neighborhood and keep up to date with news, services, and lots more. <I've found this to be a good start for anyone who has lost or found a family pet>!

[www.mundelein.org](http://www.mundelein.org) - The Village of Mundelein website

[www.mundeleinparks.org](http://www.mundeleinparks.org) - Mundelein Park district website, including but not limited to classes and social activities for kids, teens, adults, and seniors alike

[www.fremonttownship.org](http://www.fremonttownship.org) - Local news, information and resources from Our Fremont Township supervisor Diana O'Kelly

[www.fremontlibrary.org](http://www.fremontlibrary.org) - Classes, activities and events available to all ages

### Facebook pages:

Oak Terrace Community  
Diamond Lake Club  
Diamond Lake Beach  
Mundelein Village events  
Village of Mundelein  
Mundelein Jobs  
Mundelein Review



### Email:

[oakterraceighbors@gmail.com](mailto:oakterraceighbors@gmail.com) - Send your email to us so that you can be added to the Electronic distribution of Oak Terrace news and events

[oakterraceacorn@gmail.com](mailto:oakterraceacorn@gmail.com) - feel free to email with any thoughts, ideas, comments and suggestions

## Welcoming New Neighbors to the Hood

An extended Warm welcome to Liz Werning, her Son Gus Martin and Daughter Lulu who will be closing on a property on Oak at the end of January. Liz moves here from West Shore Park and says she looks forward to being a part of the community and neighborhood.

### Save the Date:

**Enchanted Princess Ball:** February 2nd, 6-8pm. Dunbar Recreation center. (Children ages 3-10 w/adult). See MPD website for registration details

**Community closet:** 2nd Saturday of the month, 11.30am-1.30pm, West Oak middle school, 500 Acorn lane

**Parent/Tot Open Gym:** Need something to keep your little one busy during the Inclement weather? Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-12pm thru April 25th. Mundelein Park District Community Center. \$3 per child (Children under 6 months are free).

**Next Board Meeting:** February 6th, 7pm, Countryside Fire station, midlothian road, Mundelein

In this month's *'Get to know your neighbor'* Q and A, our OTIA Treasurer William Yarbrough of Hickory shares his answers...



1. How long have you lived in Oak Terrace? - 7 Years
2. Favorite food? - Cheese. Just about anything except Brie, which I find inexplicably revolting.
3. Favorite song - Mozart's Requiem, in its entirety. I'm partial to the 1984 recording by Christopher Hogwood and The Academy of Ancient Music.
4. Last book you read? - A dozen software manuals. I'm currently reading Frank Herbert's *Dune* and Anne Catherine Emmerick's *The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.
5. Favorite memory of Oak Terrace? - The smell of burning leaves in autumn.
6. How would you spend an ideal day? - Neglecting my chores, smoking cigars, and brewing a beer.
7. Biggest fear? - Another Carrington Event. We moderns are just one solar flare away from being off our meds and eating dirt. Scary stuff!
8. What makes you happy? - My Catholic Faith, my Wife, and big glass of red wine!
9. Pet Peeve? -Being asked the same question over and over and over again.
10. Random fact about you? - I'm a vocal supporter of the traditional Latin Mass, chanting in a men's Gregorian Schola.

