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Oak Terrace Neighbors

To kick off the New Year, A message from our OTIA President, Tracy Kleinschmidt!

Hello! I'm excited and honored to be serving as board president this year alongside a strong group of board members. This year, we will continue to bring the community together by keeping everyone engaged and informed. We have had great attendance at our community events and I am grateful for all the work our 2018 board has accomplished. Looking forward to continued success in 2019!



HOA Dues Overview

As mentioned in last months Acorn, there are currently 33 delinquent accounts or 18% of OT properties. Of these delinquencies, 17 owe \$500+ and 6 account for \$17,000. The OTIA Pursued delinquent accounts by mail with a November 7th deadline for payment., these will now be handed over for legal review and ultimately Collections. *Notably, our Dues for 2019 will be staying the same at \$170.*

HOA fees: What are they and how do they benefit our community?

A homeowners association fee (HOA fee) is an amount of money that must be paid by the owners of residential properties, and HOAs collect these fees to assist with maintaining and improving properties in the association.

For Oak Terrace residents, this includes the continuous upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful Beach, Parks (and neighborhood as a whole). Even if you do not use these common areas, their presence adds to the uniqueness and community that is Oak Terrace.

Even though there are only a small number of delinquent accounts, I listed a few of the research-based reasons why HOAs are good for you and your neighborhood and to remind us of how fortunate we are to have a hard working OTIA that put our dues to great use.

THEY PROVIDE RECREATIONAL AMENITIES. People living in HOA communities tend to have easier access to recreational amenities. Here in OT, that is our Beach and two Parks (Hansen and Lakeview)

THOSE AMENITIES ARE WELL-MAINTAINED. Our OTIA has a sub Committee where members are assigned to the upkeep and maintenance of the OT Beach, Parks and their restoration among other duties

YOU SHARE OWNERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY. Because homeowners in HOAs pay into an association, it means that all members share ownership of the community's common areas and facilities (OT Parks and Beach).

YOU FEEL A STRONGER SENSE OF COMMUNITY. With everyone owning an equal share of public spaces within the community and everyone doing their part to keep it looking great, HOAs can provide a stronger sense of community than many non-HOA neighborhoods. Some HOAs even host events in their community spaces, a great way to make new friends. Here in OT we have an Easter Parade, Spring clean up day, Summer fest, Turkey Trot and coming soon a Snowman Build off!

YOU HAVE MORE CONTROL OVER RESTRICTIONS. With an HOA, all of the rules are composed by and designed for the homeowners. They are elected by you and your neighbors, our Oak Terrace Community. This method of collective management gives you more influence over your community. Oak Terrace holds monthly Board meetings (1st Wednesday of the month) where you are strongly encouraged to attend to share your thoughts and ideas.

"Communication leads to Community, that is to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing" - Rollo May

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1st Annual Oak Terrace Snowman build off, Sunday Snow day TBD, Lakeview Park 1-3pm

Do you want to build a snowman?.....

Come along and enjoy a snowy afternoon with your family and neighbors of Oak Terrace.

Bring along your sleds, have a snowball fight with your parents, friends and care givers and of course enter to build your own snowman.

Snowman build @ 1.15pm-2.15pm, winner announced at 2.30pm

Prizes will be given for Team Spirit and Originality. Bragging rights are valid for 12 months!

Coffee and hot chocolate will be available and don't forget to bring accessories to adorn your creations!



Ice on the Lake

As we fast approach the Winter Season and prepare for the inclement weather, the usual common sense 101 applies regarding the snow and Ice.

Adults and Children alike should be aware of thin ice and not venture out on to the lake too soon. A useful gauge is to watch for the Ice fisherman. When they are drilling holes, it's safe to use.

Regarding snow, Kids of Oak Terrace, it is your moral duty to nail your parents and caregivers with snowballs as much as humanly possible. Explain you're honing your hand/eye coordination and gross motor skills, I'm sure they'll be proud of you in the long run!

Save the date:

Mundelein's Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Pick-Up Begins January 2nd - January 31st

Groot Disposal will collect Christmas trees for recycling on your normal recycling collection day. Please follow these simple instructions:

- Remove all decorations, tinsel, and bags used to transport the tree to the street.
- If you take your tree down before the week of January 2, don't place it at the curb until the night before your collection day
- Only natural trees can be recycled.

Trees that are not properly prepared for recycling will be disposed of in the garbage collection. The Village of Mundelein encourages everyone to recycle whenever possible. Natural trees are chipped and disposed of at a nearby landscape recycling facility. Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Closet, 2nd Saturday of the month, 11.30am-1.30pm, West Oak Middle school, 500 Acorn lane, Mundelein

If you or someone you know in Oak Terrace are in need of any of the following items, please come along to the D76 Community Closet. Items Provided include hygiene products, gently used clothes, toys and games, shoes, household goods & more!

All items are available at no cost and Everyone is welcome!

Next Board Meeting: February 6th, 7.00pm Countryside Fire station, Midlothian road - NO JANUARY MEETING!

Happy New Year Neighbors, may 2019 bring you everything you hope for and more!

In this month's 'Get to know your neighbor' Q and A, OTIA President Tracy Kleinschmidt of Lakeview/Hickory shares her answers...

1. How long have you lived in Oak Terrace? - My family has lived here for more than 80 years. My daughters make the 5th generation of girls in the same house
2. Favorite food? - Indian – I make a mean Saag Paneer
3. Favorite song - 'Fired Up' by Funky Green Dogs
4. Last book you read? -I am reading, 'Girl Wash Your Face'
5. Favorite memory of Oak Terrace? - Watching the sun rise from the ski jump
6. How would you spend an ideal day? - On the lake with my family and neighbors
7. Biggest fear? - Heights and the cars that cut through our neighborhood when a train comes through
8. What makes you happy? - A glass of wine in my backyard
9. Pet Peeve? - People that pick their nose while driving
10. Random fact about you? - I played the trombone in the D76 West Oak band



