

The Acorn est 1996

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Oak Terrace Neighbors

Oak Terrace has a lot of great events scheduled for 2019, Please come and join your neighbors in celebrating our community at these seasonal and Family friendly events. Please also keep in mind the OTIA is 100% volunteer driven so if you are interested in helping out with any of the events, please email OakTerraceneighbors@gmail.com with your interest and we will help connect you to the team!

- 3/16** - SPRING CLEAN UP
- 3/25-29** - D76 SPRING BREAK
- 4/3** - OTIA BOARD MEETING
- 4/20** - EASTER EGG HUNT AND PARADE
- 5/18-19** - COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
- 5/24** - 'FRONT PORCH FRIDAY'@ THE KLEINSCHMIDTS
- 6/5** - OTIA BOARD MEETING
- 6/22** - SUMMERFEST
- 8/7** - OTIA BOARD MEETING
- 10/ 2** - OTIA BOARD MEETING
- 10/31** - HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT
- 11/7** - OTIA ANNUAL MEETING
- 11/28** - TURKEY TROT



Oak Terrace Spring Clean up: Saturday March 16th, 9.00am, Beach Park

Come and join your neighbors and volunteer just 30 minutes of your morning to cleaning up our beautiful neighborhood. Garbage bags will be distributed (or please bring your own). Pick up trash at the Parks and roadside, meet your neighbors and feel Good! This is also a wonderful example and opportunity of showing our Children one way they can get involved in taking pride in their community.

February OTIA Board Meeting Highlights:

Please visit the Oak Terrace website for all of the Board approved Minutes. Many thanks to Nancy Krejsa for the hours of work she has put in to the Oak Terrace Website.

- Ken Hohs will be responsible for issuing 2019 boat launch keys
- Past due balances and options regarding collections are being reviewed
- The new Lake Management stewardship guide created by Tori Trauscht has been distributed
- Oak Terrace Website is being updated, missing minutes have been added and new ones will be added
- A document is being created for new residents to Oak Terrace. Information will include email addresses, social media pages, non emergency numbers, OTIA information and any other valuable info
- The events calendar for 2019 was agreed upon
- Subdivision/Lake County Un-incorporated street parking rules and regulations are being reviewed, considering possible steps to alleviate issues during snow events. It is legal to park on streets during snow events, even though this poses problems for snow/ice removal
- A 'formal complaint' document is being created that would be available to all residents who would like to lodge a formal complaint, in accordance with the OTIA bylaws

Last Community Closet: An excerpt from the District76 News letter

'We have been fortunate to provide the Community closet as a great resource for our families these last few years. Due to the districts reorganization, we are not yet sure of the future status of the Community closet. As we transition into three schools on two campuses, we will reevaluate space and storage needs and then determine if/how this resource can continue. There will be two more closet openings this year, Saturday, March 9th and Saturday, April 13th. After that, items will be donated to local agencies that give away items at no cost. We appreciate the Communities support of this important resource and service to many of our families.'

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Residents of Oak Terrace

I recently had the pleasure of speaking with Ann Kisha of Elmwood. Ann and her husband Allen grew up in the South side of Chicago and moved to Oak Terrace in August, 1972. Ann has a daughter and a Grandson that live next door to her and a Son who resides in Wisconsin. Sadly, Allen passed away in 2006. Ann now lives with her 2 Cats Thunder and Socks who drive her nuts!

Ann told me that when she and Allen came to look at the house as potential buyers, as soon as they went into the back yard and saw the water she was 'sold'. They first saw the house on a July 4th weekend and had moved in by Labor Day!

Ann's fondest memories of Oak Terrace was the Oktoberfest Dances that Oak Terrace and West Shore Park subdivisions used to have together, originally at the Santa Maria de Popola church hall and then at the Fire Station hall. They had a band, a liquor permit and a well attended Adult 'Good time'! She says that the police would patrol the two neighborhoods on that night knowing that a lot of the residents were away from their homes for the night. She recalls how the Marigolds would still be blooming at that time of year and they would decorate the hall with the Marigolds as center pieces. After the dance, neighbors would go to 'Dales' (now Omega) to continue the fun!

When asked what she misses about Oak Terrace, it's old friends and neighbors. She has fond memories of gathering out front of her house as it was a central location, skating on the Channel with friends and adults and kids alike going out snowmobiling. Ann has seen a lot of changes over the 44 years she has resided here. People get divorced, move house or Pass away. Ann remembers an older gentleman when she first moved here called Earl Webber who she says was integral in organizing activities and events including dances, bake sales and the silent auction that used to be held at the Summerfest in Meyers park (now Lakeview park). We talked about how when the people who organize and coordinate these wonderful events move neighborhoods or pass away, unfortunately the events slowly cease and become a thing of the past too.

Ann remembers when there weren't any street signs here in Oak Terrace and you would have to direct people using landmarks. She told me that when she moved here, she was given a flyer with information for prospective buyers. She still has the flyer and has kindly offered to make me a copy that I can share with the neighborhood. She mentioned that it would be a nice idea to reintroduce this flyer for new buyers and renters in the neighborhood, with a list of useful amenities/resources and local services. Thank you Ann for this suggestion and for sharing your wonderful memories with us, I truly appreciate it.

** The Board is currently putting together a document for New Residents to Oak Terrace with useful, local general information and Oak Terrace contact information.*

Save the Date:

Spring Clean up: Saturday March 16th, 9.00am, Beach Park

Community Closet: Saturday March 9th, 11.30am-1.30pm, West Oak middle school, 500 Acorn lane

St Patrick's Day Fun: Saturday March 16th, 12-2pm, Dunbar recreation Center (Ages 3-11, \$10 Resident/\$15 non resident)

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: Wednesday April 3rd, 7pm. Countryside Fire station, Midlothian road, Mundelein

**Please note no March meeting, dates of meetings are shown above in the events schedule*

In this month's 'Get to know your neighbor' Q and A, Ann Kisha of Elmwood shares her answers...

1. How long have you lived in Oak Terrace? - I moved here in 1974, that's now 44.5 years
2. Favorite food? - It's a toss up between Gale Street Ribs or Dover Straights' Dover Sole
3. Favorite song - Because you loved me by Celine Dion. Whenever I heard it on the radio it reminded me of how I felt about my husband. Since he passed away 13 years ago I haven't heard it played until very recently.
4. Last book you read? - Probably Something by Stephen King. 95% of the books I have are by him, I am a big fan
5. Favorite memory of Oak Terrace? - The Oak Terrace and West Shore Park Oktoberfest Dances
6. How would you spend an ideal day? - I enjoy going on the day trips scheduled through the Regent Center. I am going to see Mama Mia with my daughter in April
7. Biggest fear? - Heights and the Darkness!
8. What makes you happy? - My Children, My Grandson and that they live next door to me
9. Pet Peeve? - Negativity in people, I'm a positive person
10. Random fact about you? - I've learned to enjoy living on my own. I enjoy the peace and quiet



