

The Acorn est 1996

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Oak Terrace Neighbors

As you may have noticed, the New Message Board installation at the intersection of Lakeview/Hickory and Elmwood is now complete. Many thanks to Kevin Shiffley for Orchestrating this new welcome addition to Oak Terrace. Additional Thanks to Dan Griffin for sourcing the New Board and residents Radu Roman and Trev Homsey for their help with the final installation. A new larger Message Board has also been

installed at the Beach park. The previous Beach park board will be erected at a later date in Hansen park. Come and check them out and catch up on all the current Oak Terrace news and information!

1st Annual Oak Terrace Turkey Trot, November 22nd 9.00am Beach Park entrance

Would you like to start your Thanksgiving day by making a little more room for Turkey? If so, come and Join your neighbors for the 1st Annual Oak Terrace Turkey trot!

The Trot will be will be a light Jog (or walk), two times around the Channel, ending at the Beach Park for Coffee and Donuts (be sure to save room for some Turkey)!

All ages can participate, this is not a race but a friendly, social start to the day.

Long standing residents of Oak Terrace

Continuing the quest to find the longest standing resident of Oak Terrace, helpful neighbors have suggested who they believe to be contenders. Dale Stark of Lakeview was born and raised in OT in 1960 at 0232 Elmwood . After moving away in 1972, he returned in 1995 to purchase and rebuild the Stark/Wilson family home on Lakeview. His grandchildren mark 6 generations in Oak Terrace.

When asked about favorite memories of OT, Dale recalled giant neighborhood kid 'cattail fights' in Hansen Park when the cat tails got fuzzy. "It was all kind of swampy with a huge willow tree fort in the middle". Dale went on to say there were many weeping willow trees here in Oak Terrace, most of them gone now.

Mike Wells of Elmwood kindly shared some memories from his childhood here in Oak Terrace. He recalled skating on the channel and long days at the beach with neighborhood kids, only coming home once their parents called them in at dark. Mike lives with his Mother Margaret who was profiled in the July 1998 issue of the Acorn where she shared she moved to Oak Terrace in 1975.

I had the pleasure of briefly meeting Rita Hansen of Willow Ave. Due to health reasons Rita wasn't able to tell me what year she moved here but did say that her parents bought the property as a lake house many years ago. In 1998, Rita was presented with a sign naming Hansen Ball Park after her late husband, Leonard. Leonard died in June 1996, a retired Park Commissioner who served on the OT board for many years and a familiar site driving the mower around Oak Terrace to cut the grass in the different parks.

Again, if you know of anyone in Oak Terrace that you believe has been here for a long time, please email the Acorn so that I could contact them and hopefully share some Oak Terrace nostalgia.

Gratitude

Many Thanks to Pat Gardien for kindly offering to Xerox the Acorn Newsletter for the OTIA. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and the extended offer to print in color ensures we get to see all of the great pictures and photographs in full detail.



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Diamond Lake Preservation meeting Recap:

Jennifer Biancalana, a Mosquito and Aquatic service consultant for 'Clarke' gave a status report of the health of lake. She reported that although there is still high turbidity (murkiness) in the lake, partly due to the heavy rains we had back in May and June, there is a larger variety of plants growing, an increase in native species and they found only one Eurasian milfoil plant (Invasive) that they were able to remove by hand. Even though there are more plants now, the density is still down and that needs to increase. However, she reported the lake was generally healthier overall this year.

Tori Trauscht spoke about the 'Diamond Lake Cooperative Preservation Strategy' - a grant funded by the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission under the Watershed Management Board (WMB). The fund was awarded to create awareness about ways to prevent indirect Lake pollution, as well as phosphorus and sediment reduction around the lake. Mundelein Park and Recreation district is the recipient of the grant in partnership with the Diamond Lake Preservation Alliance who is the project management team. Tori has also been working on a Stewardship guide which is filled with history, recreational culture and a resource section including some lake biology and guidelines on what citizens can do to help the lake. She plans to have 2000 copies finished and printed by January 2019. "I believe this project has been a true catalyst for building a coalition to help preserve Diamond lake, it has certainly been a team effort. I hope distribution of the stewardship guide will provide further education about how special this lake is and has been since the 1800's". Tori goes on to say that the guides goal is "to develop a vital purpose and sense of place for all stake holders to dedicate themselves to help preserve Diamond Lake, our 12,000 year old Gem, which is at risk it many ways".

Save the Date:

Annual Board Meeting, November 7th, 7.00pm (Country side fire station, midlothian rd). Don't forget to bring along your Ballots if you haven't already returned them to Colleen Hodges or Greg Denny.

Mundelein Tree lighting at Village Plaza, Friday Nov 30th, 5.30pm - A reading of 'Twas the night before Christmas by Freemont Librarians followed by lighting the Tree!

Don't forget to Vote: Tuesday Nov 6th, 6.00am-7.00pm

Midterm Election Polling locations for Freemont township 126:

Early Voting site: Freemont Township office, 22385 W II Rt 60, Mundelein **On Election day:** The Regent Center, 1200 Regent drive, Mundelein

In this month's 'Get to know your neighbor' Q and A, Dale Stark of Lakeview shares his answers.....

1. How long have you lived in Oak Terrace? - 35 years
2. Favorite food? - Mexican
3. Favorite song - Father and Son by Cat Stevens
4. Last book you read? - Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer or an owner's manual!
5. Favorite memory of Oak Terrace? - The first date with my wife, 37 years ago! Fishing on the lake, living in the house whilst under construction, huge July 4th parties, my daughters wedding on the pier, way too many to list or pick a favorite!
6. How would you spend an ideal day? - Coffee on the deck, yard/house work in the morning, motor cycle ride somewhere for lunch, go for a swim in the middle of the afternoon, dinner on the grill and cocktails in the boat house in the evening
7. Biggest fear? - Rising property taxes
8. What makes you happy? - The freedom of self employment
9. Pet Peeve? - No, his name is Rue! (Pet dog) :)
10. Random fact about you? - I can fix anything that doesn't have emotions!

*What are you Thankful for? - Being Lucky in Life!



