

The Acorn est 1996

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Oak Terrace

Back to School

It may have seemed like the longest school summer break ever for our Oak Terrace district 76 families with a whopping 14 weeks off (due to school renovations), however, school is back in session and we wish all of the Children of the neighborhood a happy and healthy start to the 2019/2020 school year, good luck to you all!



Downed tree in Lakeview park

You may have noticed that the Willow tree was damaged in a storm at the shoreline of Lakeview park back in July. The association is aware of this and options of how to move forward were discussed at the August 7th Board meeting. It was decided to remove all of the larger branches and debris away from the area but to keep the remainder of the tree where it is to become a 'natural breakwater' in the lake. The tree is right along the shoreline so removal could be detrimental to this area. Two bids were sought for the project and Sawvell have been chosen. They will use a small, rubber dozer to carry away the tree sections, causing no damage to the grass area. If this 'natural break water' method does not prove to be successful, the board will look into other options.



Adopt a highway project

Kevin Shifley reported back to the board at the August meeting that the stretch of highway we are interested in adopting (route 60/83 between Oak shores drive and Maple) is currently not available. It was suggested we consider adopting Diamond lake road along Hansen park as an alternative. If we are able to adopt one of these areas, it would be Oak Terrace's obligation to do an organized clean-up twice a year and a sign would be installed letting others know that OTIA is responsible for those sections. As we already have an annual 'Spring clean up' event, adding an additional one later in the year should not pose a problem.

Car thefts in Oak Terrace

Unfortunately a number of cars on Elmwood and Hickory Avenue (maybe additional streets) in Oak Terrace were broken into last month (night/early morning of August 12th/13th). Most of the cars were unlocked and only had cash or small items taken. The Police were called and a report was made. Fortunately, a couple of Elmwood residents had camera footage and were able to provide this to the Police department. Please be vigilant and bear in mind the following when parking your car on the street or in your driveway.

- Always secure your vehicle - close all windows and lock the doors
- Don't keep valuable belongings in the car or on display
- Install a security system or advertise the one you have to deter future incidents

Beach Park sign

A new sign will shortly be installed at the Beach park that will include information about the care of the Lake. This is a part of the Indian Creek Watershed Project and will be arranged for installation by Tori Trauscht.



Communications: Acorn delivery and directory update

Starting last month, the Acorn Newsletter will be mailed to your postal address along with any other pertinent information, including billing statements, social information and any other matter concerning our members. We have also included in the circulation residents who rent properties here in Oak Terrace so that as many neighbors can read our local news and participate in community events.

** If you wish to add your contact information to the Oak Terrace directory, please email Nancy Krejsa at the Oak terrace email address Oakterraceighbors@gmail.com. Please also send us your email address if you would like to be added to the Oak Terrace email distribution list.***

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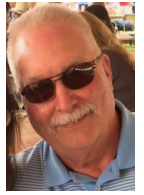
Grandparents day

Sunday September 8th is National Grandparents day. There are so many benefits of an active Grandparent in a child's life, often providing stability, safety, wisdom and fun! Grand parents also play an important indirect role in a child's life by supporting and helping the Parents. In return, research shows that caring for grandchildren has proven health benefits including staving off depression, boosting social connections and keeping older adults mentally sharp. If you are thinking of some ways to make Grandma or Grandpa feel special on the 8th, how about a nice home cooked meal together, maybe visit them at their home or residential facility. Children could 'Interview' them, after all, Grandparents do tell the best stories and have the answers to everything! Over to some Oak Terrace neighbors: When asked 'What do you like the most about your Grandparents or being a Grandparent' :

Mike Hodges, ageless, of Maple shares "What I love most about being a grandparent is the way they make me feel when I can make them smile and laugh. It's the best feeling ever! They call me Umpa, and as soon as they say that, they know I'll do anything for them. They keep me young and broke!"

Raymond Sipowicz, ageless, of Lakeview says 'Knowing it all' and that living with his Grandchildren means 'More fun'!

Cara Eaman, 6, of Lakeview shared 'I love my grandparents because I live with them and I'm thankful for them'. Also, living with them means that 'I get to go upstairs and hang with them'.



Grandparents and Grandchildren, together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen but it will never part.

9th annual Mundelein Arts Festival: September 7th & 8th, 10.00am - 5.00pm, Kracklauer Park, 100 N Seymour Avenue - FREE!

This local Art festival showcases the work of 45 artists in a variety of media as well as artwork by select students from Carmel Catholic and Mundelein high school. . It also features local musicians and tasty food! The festival is hosted by Mundelein Community connection and Mundelein Park and recreation district.

Mundelein Fire Department Blood Drive: Saturday September 7th, 9.00am - 3.00pm, 1000 N. Midlothian Road

There is an urgent need of blood donations. Please consider donating blood at the above mentioned blood drive.

Make the most of the moment and schedule your appointment by visiting Vitalant.org or call us at 877.25VITAL. Group Code: MN10

***** Balloting and Election information will be sent out in Next Months Acorn*****

Next Board Meeting: October 2nd @ 7pm, Countryside Fire Station, Midlothian road, Mundelein

In this month's 'Get to know your neighbor' Q and A, Ramona Triebold of Lakeview shares her answers...

1. How long have you lived in Oak Terrace? - My husband, Louie and oldest two sons, Michael and Justin and I moved here 23 years ago. Our 3rd son, Tyler, was born here the following year
2. Favorite food? - difficult to pinpoint just one but probably pizza
3. Favorite song - God Bless America (gives me goosebumps every time I hear it)
4. Last book you read? - The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
5. Favorite memory of Oak Terrace? - A few years back there was a pontoon boat that had passengers playing music with instruments as it drove around the lake, really enjoyed hearing and seeing them
6. How would you spend an ideal day? - Sitting outside on our deck enjoying the day with my family and/or friends with cocktails and conversation
7. Biggest fear? - Something happening to one of my children or grandchildren
8. What makes you happy? - Spending time with my family, traveling and experiencing new sites and foods, talking walks and gardening
9. Pet Peeve? - Landscapers and neighbors that blow all of their leaves and yard waste into the street, lake or neighbors property
10. Random fact about you? - I served in the USAF and was stationed in occupied Berlin, which afforded me the honor to be a member of VFW Post 4308

