

The Acorn est 1996

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Oak Terrace neighbors

The Annual Board meeting was held on November 6th to a great turnout of residents. The Ballots were once again counted and the 2020 Board was determined. Please see sidebar for a full list of 2020 Board members:

The Board wishes to Thank outgoing members Colleen Hodges, Tracy Kleinschmidt and Jill Bates. Colleen served on the Board for twelve years and was the Secretary for six of those. I heard a comment made that she was 'The glue that kept it all together'. Colleen's presence and contribution will be sorely missed by all. Please know that we thank you and appreciate you. Please wish us luck without her! Tracy Kleinschmidt will also be stepping down from her position on the Board. Thank you Tracy for your heartfelt dedication and advocacy for the well being of Oak Terrace and the Preservation of our beautiful Diamond Lake. The Board welcomes returning member Alfonso Contreras and new members James Harms and Jeff Kehr, Congratulations and Thank you for your commitment! The 2020 Board will Operate with a new President, Ken Hohs of Lakeview. Ken was on the Board in 2017 and 2019 as a sub committee member overseeing the Parks here in Oak Terrace and he regularly attended meetings for many years.



If you were not able to attend the Board meeting or the monthly meetings but would still like to share your thoughts/questions/comments/ideas - please contact Oak Terrace neighbors or the Acorn, we welcome residents voicing their opinions. (see sidebar for contact information)

The Board would also like to thank the following speakers who attended the meeting:

Jessica Vealitzek, Lake County Representative from District 10 spoke about the following items:

- The County is currently in the budget process and there is a good chance that the property tax levy will remain flat (post meeting, the budget passed and there will be no increase in tax levy)
- They are creating new programs for Veterans (post meeting, increased funding will support this)
- Storm Water Management is looking to help find ways to prevent flooding in often hit areas of the county (post meeting, increased funding will support this)
- ***The State has fully funded, through completion, the route 60/83 overpass that will impact our community. This project could come into fruition in less than five years

Diane O'Kelly, Fremont Township Supervisor reported on the following items:

- A decision on a single waste hauler for Fremont Township is coming very soon
 - Any Brush pick up may be scheduled for the sub division by calling her office
 - She asked that all vehicles be removed from the roads during snow events
- ***The best way to interact with the road commissioner is through email as the crews are often out of the office for the day and receive emails quicker than phone messages****
- Diana informed the community of Fremont Township Road Commissioner Bill Grinnell's impending retirement effective December 2019. Bill has been a good friend to the OTIA and will be missed
 - There will be a holiday event coordinated by the Township to bring needed items and gifts to residents in need this Christmas. Adopt a family information is available on the Township website
 - For more information on this and other events and programs you can subscribe to Diana's Newsletter at diana@fremonttownship.com

Lieutenant Mark Skala, Countryside Fire Protection District reviewed the rules of open burning for the district which are also available for viewing on the CFPD's website, the Oak Terrace Facebook page and message boards. Briefly, keep burning to daylight hours in a 5-15mph wind speed. No street burning at any time. He shared that if they are called with an open burning complaint they must respond. At this point, it is considered a nuisance fire and must be extinguished either by the resident or the Fire department. He also stated that the county is looking into new rules for open burning that will affect the entire county.

2020 OTIA Board Officers and Committee members

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Ken Hohs

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William Yarbrough

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Oak Terrace Community



Next Board meeting:

December 4th, 7pm
Countryside Fire Station

Treasurer report

OTIA Treasurer William Yarbrough gave the 2020 Budget overview (mailed out along with the Ballots in October). Notably the association dues will again stay at \$170 for 2020. He also reported on the following items:

- Ken Hohn investigated requirements for phone access at the beach. He found that we are able to fulfill our requirement by posting signage that states that all members using the beach must have their own cell phone available in case of emergency. This will allow us to remove the costly landline at the beach and have a one time cost of approximately \$500 for the creation of new signs.
- New expenses to the budget includes an assigned Lake County Sheriff to supervise the sub division during Halloween Trick or treating and the addition of a porta potty at the beach from Memorial day through Labor day.
- The beginning of 2019 our delinquency rate was holding at about 17% and we are ending 2019 nearing 10%. Conditions that have led to delinquency are being targeted, such as reaching delinquent home owners before they sell and sending regular reminders of accounts in arrears. These actions are part of the reasons for lowering the delinquency rate.

Happy Holidays neighbors! I hope you all have a fabulous end of year with your family, loved ones and friends. Here's a little something to keep the kids and Grandchildren (hopefully) busy for long enough to whip up a batch of cookies for Santa or to pour a stiff eggnog for yourself!

OAK TERRACE

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G	H	O	M	E	T	E	L	M	W	O	O	D	G	R	D	I	M
C	T	R	E	E	S	P	F	J	X	H	V	Q	K	F	S	V	J

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ACORN	HICKORY	TREES
BEACH	HOME	WALNUT
DIAMOND	LAKEVIEW	WILLOW
ELMWOOD	NEIGHBORS	
FAMILY	OAK	
FRIENDS	PARKS	

Christmas in Oak Terrace

Across

3 He has a red nose

6 You can skate on it when it's frozen over

7 People sometimes kiss under it

9 He brings presents to the children on the 'nice' list

10 You can build one with the white, fluffy stuff

11 Be careful not to slip on this

12 It's now 2 movies but also how you feel when you are REALLY cold!

Down

1 They keep your hands warm in the cold weather

2 It's the day before Christmas

4 It's white, fluffy and falls from the sky

5 It's a quick way to spell Christmas

8 Santa needs their help to make the presents



