ACORN NEWS

Oak Park Village Cooperative, Inc
January, 2015

Board of Directors

Message from the President *Beth Ford, President*

Our annual meeting and selection of Board members is February 10, 2015. Shortly, you should receive the Annual Meeting packet by mail. Every year, I hear from several members about how difficult it is to understand the many pages within the annual packet. For those of you who can identify with this; or for those of you who are new to our annual balloting, I will try to give a few brief explanations. These explanations will be much easier to understand once you have your packet in front of you. So please re-read when your packet arrives.

Read the entire packet---a little at a time, if necessary! There are two pages that require serious attention. They are titled LIMITED PROXY. **To have your vote count, you must assign a proxy.** At the top of the first page are two choices: (a) and (b). If you chose (a), you will give our BOD Secretary the authority to count your vote as directed by your casting. If you chose (b), you must fill in the name of the person who will be your proxy and casting your votes. Failing to fill in a proxy name, will constitute an appointment of the BOD Secretary as your proxy holder. Also, at the bottom of the second page, **DO NOT** fill in the "substitution of proxy". This is for your proxy to fill in at the meeting.

On these same two LIMITED PROXY pages, there are numbers 1, 2, 3, & 4.

1. This refers to the Common Expense of bulk television/internet. This 4.1 Amendment makes a shareholder vote on any bulk TV/Internet contracts a requirement. Currently, that power is solely granted to the Board of Directors. **For this amendment to pass, we must have 99 "In Favor Of" votes.**
2. This is a Resolution to permit the use of existing reserve funds, for non-scheduled purposes, and is recommended by the BOD for approval. It has been approved by the membership every year.
3. This is a Resolution to reduce, but not completely waive, reserve funding as shown in the proposed budget for 2015-16. The BOD recommends voting "In Favor of" partial funding. (If this Resolution does not pass, fully funding of reserves is required by Florida Statutes; and it would necessitate a substantial increase in your monthly assessments or a special assessment.)
4. This Resolution allows for the Rollover of excess membership income, if any, into the Reserves. Any Rollover is created from under-spending within the Operating Account. Again, the BOD recommends voting "In Favor of" this Rollover. (If this Resolution does not pass, Oak Park is required, as a for-profit Corporation, to pay taxes on any excess operating monies.)
5. The signature(s) on the second LIMITED PROXY page are for the owner(s) to sign after casting their votes for numbers 1, 2, 3, & 4.

The other **items needing your serious attention** are the four mailing envelopes within your annual packet.

1. In the small, white envelope marked BALLOT, place your single sheet identifying the candidates you chose for the Board of Directors. Seal this small envelope and place into…
2. The larger, white envelope also marked BALLOT.
3. There is a second larger, white envelope marked PROXY. Place your two, completed, LIMITED PROXY pages in this envelope.

4. **Both larger, white envelopes MUST be <u>sealed</u>, <u>signed</u> on the outside, in the upper left corner of the envelope, <u>and identified</u> by street address.** If these 3 things are not done, your vote(s) will be invalid.
5. Place both larger, white envelopes in the yellow envelope addressed to Oak Park. You may either hand-deliver or mail to the Park Office. Postage for mailing is 70 cents.

ANY OF THE ABOVE THAT IS NOT COMPLETED, OR PLACED IN THE WRONG ENVELOPE, WILL INVALIDATE YOUR VOTE(S)!!!

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please direct them to any BOD member. A hard copy of this explanation will be available in the library starting on January 21, 2015.

On a personal note, I hope everyone's holiday season was happy, blessed, and full of good, memory-making events. Oak Park has never looked more festive!

The Alva Garden Club will hold their meeting on January 20th at 2:00pm at the Alva Museum.

We will carpool for a field trip to Hickory Hammock Nature Plant Nursery.

Terry Sanders: Brief talk, a tour, plant shopping if you wish.

Everyone Welcome!

(Nina Rigby)

SHUFFLEBOARD

Each Wednesday, 10:00am

Experienced or beginner – all are welcome!

(Joe Linert)

Tis the "SEASON"
To be
JOLLY

THE PEOPLE OF OAK PARK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Lori Nixon
4 Betty Wolos
5 Liz Ingram
Debbie Redman
6 Beth Ford
8 MB Doran
9 Bonnie Bowns
12 Betsy Larson
13 Dudder Baker
15 Dennis Geffre
Carl Niebour
17 Edie Hewitt
18 Howard Powell
Michael Brust
21 Jacqueline Tayman
22 Peggy Hole
Francis Everly
23 Gene Harris
24 Brenda Evans
26 Kathy Kelly
Janet McCaskill
28 Kevin O'Grady
Dottie Purvis
30 Isabelle Cameron
Ginny Miranda
31 Sam Gollwitzer
Jan Weaver

HAPPY ANNIVERSAY

5 Dottie & Harry Purvis
12 Janet & James McCaskill
17 Betty & Jim Hutchinson
27 Cheri & Dudder Baker
30 Sylvia & Ed Kusiak

NEW RESIDENTS

Lloyd & Pauline Whittaker
25 Aloe

POKER RUN!

RAC will sponsor a golf cart poker run, followed by the Yacht Club Dogs & Brats.

Wednesday, January 14th

Time & details will be posted on Channel 30 & the news.

RAC

Liz Ingram, President

January is a time of new beginnings. For RAC, it is a time when new council directors assume their positions and responsibilities for their 2 year terms. It is a commitment of time and energy for the benefit of all Oak Park residents. Mary Lou Linert, Vicky Vauter and Tina Baldino are your 3 new RAC directors. Outgoing RAC directors are Jean Maynard and Kathy Fornell. Please say a personal word of thanks to both the new and the outgoing directors for their volunteer hours spent and pledged to benefit Oak Park.

Oak Park Angels: In the early morning hours…in the damp heat of a summer morning…in the pre-dawn dark…in the early evening dusk…you may catch silent figures moving throughout the Park scattering good deeds wherever they go. There are so many Oak Park Angels (and they do their good deeds so quietly) that it is difficult, if not impossible, to identify them. Nevertheless, I am going to call out a few:

Over the summer, when most of us have snowbirded north, Wrenie Jeznach signed up to close the pool and clubhouse 5 times, Irma Gregory 4 times, Carl and Dot Licini 4 times, Wayne Hahn 3 times, Ray and Polly Gauthier 5 times.

Jan Liscum and Carol Harris faithfully watered (and continue to do so) the potted plants around the clubhouse and office areas and those plants not reached by the soaker hose system.

If you receive the News Press you will notice that you only have to open your door to pick up your paper. Thanks to Ruth Berry and Betty Hutchinson who bring the paper to your door on their early morning walks.

These are but a few of the helpful folks who make Oak Park great. If you would like to give kudos to someone special, let me know for a future Acorn News issue.

SAVE THE DATE:

January 7th from 2-4 pm – Welcome Back and Welcome New poolside party to welcome back the resident snowbirds and to introduce and welcome our residents new to the park. Beer, wine, sodas and snacks provided by RAC.

January 14th Yacht Club and RAC "Dogs and Brats Cookout" and Golf Cart Poker Run. $5 to play poker and $2 for your lunch. Watch for details and sign-up sheet posting.

January 18th – Carol and Johnny return to Oak Park for a show filled with fun, laughs and music.

January 22nd – Potluck – volunteers needed to host

January 24th – Dance

January 31st RAC Auction and Fleamarket - Getting new furniture? Have items you don't use of need? Think of donating them to the RAC auction and fleamarket. Contact a RAC council member for storage information.

Oh – the weather outside is frightful, covered with a blanket of white. OK – we can do this!

SNO-FLAKE DANCE

Saturday, January 24th
7:30pm – 10:30pm

Music by Dick & Diane
BYOB & Snacks for your table

WEAR WHITE !

BEAN BAG WINNERS:
Jack Anderson & Bob Solarchick

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING:

CHRISTMAS IN OAK PARK

HAPPY
and
HEALTHY
2015 !