



ACTHA LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is in full force as the leaves are turning and the temperatures continue to fall, Association Board members are sending out budgets to their Unit owners and Community Association Managers are busy solidifying landscape and snow contracts.

The ACTHA Board members have been involved implementing new features for their members.

We will be offering a full line of Fall Educational Seminars this fall in our North , South and Chicago Zones. The various topics will offer you the latest information on Legislation that concerns the Community Association scene. Insurance, a topic often overlooked and misunderstood, is another topic we will be featuring this month.

The ACTHA website continues to offer user friendly on line registration and payment features as well as access to our Online Directory.

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Vendor of the Month



Success Is Working A Season Ahead

Sherm M. Fields – Acres Group

Planning and preparation are the key ingredients for success. “Chasing it” more often than not dooms you to failure.

On 11/25/18, the National Weather Service issued a blizzard warning as Winter Storm Bruce barreled his way into Chicagoland. This storm delivered heavy, wet, snow accumulations between 4 – 12” with wind gusts of 35 – 45MPH. Following the snowfall, temperatures plummeted and turned all residual moisture into ice.

Can you believe that on 11/23 & 11/24 we received numerous bid requests for a snow contract? We attempted to help where we could, but regardless of which contractor took on that work, can you imagine that it went well? It often times did not. I can share that we worked our butts off to take care of those last minute clients, but it did not go as well as we or anyone else would like. It was painful. I heard similar stories throughout the industry.

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More blessed than any man deserves to be . . .

In October Kelley and I will celebrate our 35th wedding

anniversary, along with my 60th birthday. Two milestones that I am very grateful to reach. With that said, and after extremely careful consideration, I am announcing my retirement from Acres – effective November 30th.

In no way am I running away from Acres or our clients. In fact, my decision is a very difficult one because I love being a part of our great team. I believe that it was Divine Intervention that placed me at Acres – it is one of the best things that has ever happened to me. I will be forever indebted to Jim and the Schwantz family for 19+ years of guidance, teaching,

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Structural pruning

By: Tom Smiley, PhD

We know many of the common causes of tree failures, and some of them can be prevented when the trees are young. One of the keys to developing strong trees is the process of structural pruning, or pruning to improve tree structure.

With young trees, our goal is to prune them to create a structure that is resistant to future breakage, won't interfere with people, looks good, and is long lived. The earlier we start on this process, and the more regularly it is repeated, the better the results will be.

When structurally pruning a young tree, we carefully look it over and make decisions as to which branches to remove.

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Upcoming Events

[NEW Legislation Affecting Your Community Association](#)

November 12, 2019 6:30 PM

Building Group, Inc. 1221 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60610

[Let's Talk Turkey](#)

November 13, 2019 6:00 PM

Petey's II 155900 South La Grange Road, Orland Park, IL 60467

Association of Condominium Townhouse, and Homeowner Associations

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