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Happy New Year!



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January 20, 2016 MEETING

Laura Farkas welcomed everyone and introduced Norm Rhea, Maryland Heights Ward 4 Councilman. Other attendees introduced were: Keith McCracken, AMC, Rob Adelson, AMC Maintenance/Groundsperson, and board members Laura Farkas, Shah Smith, Richard Ornberg, Andrea Crouch and Sonya Ptah.

Association Management Report by Keith McCracken

Keith reported the following -- Autumn Lakes Association as of 12/31/15 finished the year \$610 under budget on income and \$1,011 under budget on expenses for a total of \$402 under budget for 2015.

Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 12/31/15 finished the year \$7,178 over budget on income and \$15,627 under budget on expenses for a total of \$22,805 under budget for 2015.

Five retaining walls were scheduled for replacement this past fall and this winter. The large retaining wall at 3063 Autumn Shores Drive has been completed. The wall at the rear of 3152 Autumn Shores Drive has been completed. Currently the walls at 3190 and 3198 Autumn Trace Drive and 12010 Autumn Lakes Drive are under construction.

The maintenance crew has been busy installing drain pipes, cleaning gutters, replacing small retaining landscape walls and correcting erosion issues. They also installed a needed drain at the lower level of the clubhouse near the new storage room doors.

The clubhouse storage room doors have been replaced on both sides of the clubhouse. The older wooden doors were replaced with commercial steel doors.

The Board and I completed our fall walk-through on October 29th. We listed and rated all driveways and parking lots to determine which are in need of repair or replacement. We found 7 driveways and 2 parking lots in need of replacement. We listed and rated sidewalks as well finding 5 in need of replacement. Violations were noted, such as decorative items being hung on the siding with screws. This damages the siding finish and opens the building to moisture damage. These walk-throughs also help us determine which retaining walls need to be prioritized for replacement each year.

The spring leaf clean-up will be the week of March 14th. Single family houses may put the leaves at the street curb for pick up on Monday, March 14th.

As always, please call 314-291-1450 if you have a work request, questions or concerns or email at keith@amcassociation.com.

A trashy subject



- Trash and Recycle Pick-up is on **TUESDAY** morning.
- If Monday is a national holiday, pick-up will be on **WEDNESDAY** morning.
- Yard Waste Pick up is on Monday morning.

If at all possible, **PLEASE PUT YOUR CONTAINERS OUT no earlier than the night before, preferably after 6 pm.**

Trash totes and cans should be stored away the evening after pickup. Help keep our neighborhood looking neat.

Allow 3 feet between the big totes and anything else so the trucks can mechanically pick them up.

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Want to be more involved in Autumn Lakes? Run for a Board position in May when two positions open for election.

Your voice is important to the community!

Call any of the Board members for more information.

NOTE:

Association Management EMAIL ADDRESS:
office@amcassociation.com

Please allow 1-2 weeks for a non-emergency work order to be completed. Residents might be contacted to explain that the work order will be done later because it is work normally done with others of the same type.

The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting will be held on 3/16/16 at 7 pm. ALL Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.

Laura Farkas

Laura discussed the social network, *NextDoor.com* and offered examples of how *NextDoor* can be used. It can be used to advertise garage sales, sell items, recommend contractors or restaurants, share information, etc. If you are interested in joining *NextDoor*, contact Laura Farkas or Christine Melton. You must be invited to join by someone that is already participating.

Trustee terms ending in May are Shah Smith and Sonya Ptah. Elections will be held in May.

In March, interested parties will have to an information form indicating their interest. These forms will be included with the ballots for the May election.

Trustees must be an owner during their term of office and be in good standing with their fees.

Laura shared the policy for snow removal

Two inches of snowfall at the airport is required for the Four Seasons company to do snow removal. They will come out when the snow ends. The snow removal company starts with priority driveways (hills), then completes front walks and city sidewalks.

Laura recommended having your car parked in your driveway so the city snow plows can clear the streets, then moving your car to the street so that the snow removal company can clear your driveway. Your driveway will not be cleared if there is a car in it.

If there is less than 2 inches of snow and/or it is icy, chemical melt will be put down. We have a 2nd company that will do the priority drives if the Four Seasons Company does not come out.

If there are 4-5 inches predicted, they will come out twice.

Dick on awning installation

Dick reported that the first awning installation was completed at 3128 Autumn Trace Drive. It was installed by Four Seasons Patio. The awning is very nice. If you would like to see it, please contact the resident.

Social Committee Report by Christine Melton

The Social Committee has planned a nice schedule of events this year.

NOTICE: Watch for a Social Committee Meeting notice and event reminders on Nextdoor.com.

We would love to have your help! Even if you can just help move tables at an event or help us clean up. Let us know what you can do to participate. Call Christine at (314) 560-5705.

If anyone has photos of events or of the subdivision to share with residents, she would love to add them to the gazette. Just give her a call!

2016 Autumn Lakes Social Calendar

Sunday, February 28—Leap Bowling Party

RSVP by Feb 19 required:

Call Sandy Rhomberg (314) 344-0471

Place: KingPin Bowling Alley, Bridgeton

Time: 1:30-4:00

Cost: \$ 6 per person (includes shoes); pay that night
Watch for sign on bulletin board and in NextDoor.com.

Saturday, April 16—Wine Tasting (space limited)

RSVP by March 19 required:

Call Laura Farkas (314) 770-9442

Place: AL Clubhouse

Time: 6:30 pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Saturday, May 14—Subdivision Garage Sale

Saturday, May 21—Trivia Night

RSVP will be required; No Charge

Sunday, August 7—Pool Party & Ice Cream Social

Autumn Lakes provides the Fried Chicken and Ice Cream, residents bring goodies to share!

Sunday, October 1—AutumnFest

Saturday, November 12—Beer Tasting

The next SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for
Monday, March 21st.

Watch for the notice on NextDoor.com

Welcome Committee



A group of AL residents want to begin a Welcome Committee to greet n' meet new people in our neighborhood. This is just being formed. If you would like to participate in creating this and bringing your ideas together with others, contact Christine Melton at:
(314) 560-5705 or meltonchristine17@gmail.com
We will be setting a meeting date soon.

Questions/Comments from Residents

- An owner complimented the early snow removal for this past snowfall and also cautioned people to be careful of the ice that has been formed from a thaw-refreeze.
- A question was asked regarding the solution used to de-ice our driveways and sidewalks. Keith said it is a potassium-chloride used instead of salt because salt damages the concrete.

In the News...

Features from the Maryland Heights Community newsletter!



One of the City's plow drivers hard at work keeping streets clear of snow.



The NEW Maryland Heights Community Center

Parked cars are the most common hazard that snow plow drivers encounter. Operations Manager Steve Schenck asks residents to **not park vehicles on the street during times of snow, sleet and freezing rain.**

"We can clear snow and apply deicers more quickly when we don't have to maneuver plows between parked cars," explains Schenck.

Residents are also encouraged to pre-clear "upstream" areas adjacent to their driveway in an effort to help minimize the amount of snow and ice deposited in front of their driveway.

The City of Maryland Heights clears residential streets, collector streets and most commercial and industrial streets in the Westport area. Arterial roads and highways are the responsibility of St. Louis County and MoDOT. Property managers are responsible for apartment complexes and parking lots.

Residents with snow-related issues or questions may call the City at (314) 298-6800 or St. Louis County's Department of Transportation and Public Works at (314) 615-8504.

MoDOT can be contacted at (1-888) 275-6636.



The opening of the new Maryland Heights community center in late spring will highlight 2016 activities. The center will provide the resources to substantially increase recreation and other leisure services to citizens, businesses and their employees and visitors from surrounding areas. The facility will offer meeting rooms, programs, senior services, fitness activities, a gymnasium, and an indoor aquatic area.

The Maryland Heights Development activity is strong. This past year three new microbreweries opened in Maryland Heights including O'Fallon Brewery. Three new hotels are in various phases of construction. Companion Bakery relocated to the City, and will soon open a café and baking school as a part of their broader operations. Edward Jones is building a new garage with an attractive skywalk on their campus here, and World Wide Technology is in the early stages of building a new six-story office building at Westport Plaza.

OUR CITY WAS NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST PLACES TO LIVE

In case you haven't heard, Maryland Heights was named one of America's best small cities to live by Money Magazine.

The recognition was given to cities with a population between 10 and 50 thousand. Our ranking of 33 out of 50 listed cities was based on several factors including affordable housing, low cost of living relative to income, job growth rate, strong economy, services and amenities and access to the region's best entertainment and recreation destinations. As a result, Fox 2 News ran a story about the city. Check it out at <http://bit.do/MHbest>.