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January 20, 2017 MEETING

GUEST AND BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions:

Shah Smith opened the meeting and introduced the Board members, Keith McCracken and Rob Adelson of AMC Management. Guests from Greendale Manor Condominium board were also welcomed.

Association Management Report by Keith McCracken: Autumn Lakes Association as of 12/31/16 was \$2,576 over budget on assessment income YTD and \$9,247 under budget on expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 12/31/16 was \$5,860 over budget on income YTD and \$16,679 under budget on expenses YTD.

Seven retaining walls were completed in 2016:

- 12109 ALD • 11930 ALD • 3122 ATD • 3100-3110 ATD (rear wall was removed and graded)
- 3100 ATD (side) • 11911 ATC • 3152 ASD

Trees will be planted behind 3100 – 3110 Autumn Trace in the spring.

Bluegrass completed 3 walls last spring that remained from the 2015 contract:

- 12010 ALD • 11946 ALD • 3190 ATD

This means that 70% of the wooden tie walls have been replaced with stone retaining walls. There are 45 tie walls left. Of these, Keith estimates that 25 of those walls are small enough that they can be completed in-house by Rob and Dave, leaving 20 walls to be sent out for bid. A list of the walls to be completed this year will be available later this spring.

Buildings painted in 2016 were:

- 12000 – 12008 ALD • 12020 – 12034 ALD • 12010 – 12018 ALD • 3190 – 3198 ATD
- 3187 – 3193 ATD • 3150 – 3158 ATD • 3173 – 3183 ATD • 3138 – 3148 ATD • 3174 – 3184 ATD

The list for buildings to be painted in 2017 will be available later this spring.

The two fall leaf clean-ups have been completed. Leaves were falling later than usual this year because of the warm weather. A massive amount of leaves fell with the recent high winds prior to the ice storm. Cut Rate completed an additional clean-up the week of January 16th and will return in March for our spring clean-up.

Rob and Dave are busy cleaning up downed tree limbs and cleaning new leaf litter from the high winds out of gutters. Shingles that were blown off due to the high winds have also been replaced.

TRASH NIGHT Saturday, March 11, 2017

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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.

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

It's a GOOD TIME to CLEAN OUT YOUR FILES!

Maryland Heights Paper Shredding Dates

The City is hosting FREE paper shredding events from 9 am to 12 pm at the Government Center parking lot (11911 Dorsett Road) on these dates:

Mark your calendars!

- **March 11**
- **July 8**
- **October 21**

Residents may bring up to TEN file-sized boxes. A "file-sized" or "bankers" box is approx. 12"W x 15"L x 10"H or roughly equal to the capacity of two paper grocery bags. This event is for residents only.

Please no businesses.



**The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting will be held on 3/15/17 at 7 pm.
All Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.**

Two large oak trees were removed behind 12101 Autumn Lakes Drive in preparation for a drainage and grading project to correct a storm water run-off issue. Crowder construction will begin the drainage project during the week of January 30th, weather permitting. Shields Tree Service has also removed several other trees identified during our fall walk-through.

A sewer lateral insurance fee is assessed on your County Real Estate tax bill if your building has 6 units or less. This insurance covers the repair or replacement of your unit's sewer lateral drain if needed. If you live in a building with 7 or more units, you should not be assessed for a sewer lateral fee on your county tax bill because your unit doesn't qualify for the insurance. Please call the St Louis County Tax Assessors office if you find that you are being taxed incorrectly.

Residents are required to obtain an approval letter from the Management office prior to having a satellite dish installed. The letter instructs the installer where the dish may be installed. Dish companies are aware that they must have this letter prior to installing at condos or apartment complexes. Satellite dishes cannot be installed on the roof of a unit.

Please note that the Autumn Lakes rules do not allow for commercial vehicles to be kept on the premises. Commercial vehicles can be identified by commercial signage, vinyl logos or company logos.

As always please call 314-291-1450, email office@amcassociation.com or use the neighborhood website at: <http://www.autumnlakesstl.com> and click on the "Contact Us" link if you have a question, concern, or work request. You can also call or email Keith at Keith@amassociation.com

BOARD REPORTS

Upcoming Elections:

Shah Smith explained that there will be **two Association Board positions up for election** during the May meeting. Those positions are currently held by Richard Ornberg and Jennifer Morgan. Interested residents should contact the AMC office by March and fill out the required information form. Information about candidates seeking election will be sent out in April with the ballots and the election will be held at the May meeting. If you'd like to know more about what the board responsibilities are, please feel free to contact any of the board members.

Garage Sale: Laura announced the upcoming community garage sale will be on **Saturday May 20th**.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE:

Jay Black has contacted Steve Schenck from the City of Maryland Heights about the Ash Tree project. Trees planted between the road and the sidewalks



(easement) are considered Maryland Heights city trees however they are allowing Autumn Lakes to attempt to treat/save some of those ash trees.

Autumn Lakes will be treating about 50% of those easement trees and Maryland Heights will begin to remove the other trees too sick/damaged for treatment either the first or second week of February. Easement trees marked with a green dot will be treated and those with a white X will be removed. Ash trees on the common grounds will be marked for treatment later this spring.

For a complete view of the Ash tree locations in Autumn Lakes, look at the map on the bulletin board at the front entrance.

We wish to, again, thank the Landscaping committee for the 1000s of hours they put in to save our trees!

Question: Is there a list of trees that will replace the removed trees? And could you consider adding the Holly tree to the list?

Answer: Yes, both Maryland Height and Autumn Lakes have lists of tree species that they will use when planting to replace the removed trees.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The Social Committee held their first meeting in January and have planned a full year of events for Autumn Lakes residents:

Christine Melton shared with the group several events coming up:

Saturday, March 11 – Trivia Night!

There's **no charge** for participating, but we do ask that you RSVP.

Don't worry if you don't know a lot trivia – the point is to have fun and meet new friends.

Please join us!



Saturday, May 6 – Wine Tasting

More information will be coming soon. Estimated cost will be \$10 per person. Because of the high demand for this activity, the committee is looking at ways to increase the capacity so that more can participate.



Sunday, June 25—Ice Cream Social at the Pool from 1-3 pm.

You don't have to be swimming at the pool to enjoy a sweet treat and meet new friends. We will be enjoying ice cream from CoolTimes ice cream truck again this year!

Sunday, Aug 6 – Pool Party

October 6 – Autumn Fest

Interested in a beer tasting event?

The Social committee would like to know if anyone would be interested in going as a group to a micro-brewery for beer tasting opportunities (since they won't come to us.) Please contact Christine Melton if you're interested. (314) 560-5705.

PINK FLAMINGO FRIDAY PARTIES:

While Pink Flamingo Friday Parties are not a Social Committee event, they are a huge favorite with residents. What is a Pink Flamingo Party? It's a bring-your-own-refreshments/chair to the driveway/block party where the host is identified by a flock of pink flamingos at the end of their driveway. The first party will be kicking off this spring – if you're interested in hosting a party, you may borrow the flock from the current host at the end of their party.



RESIDENTS COMMENTS:

Comment:

Several residents had high praise for the guys after the high winds that whipped through the neighborhood during trash day. When one resident said when she left that morning, trash was everywhere. By the time she'd return to her home later that evening, the trash was gone. Kudos to the Rob and Dave for keeping Autumn Lakes looking so good!

Comment: Another resident thanked Autumn Lakes for putting salt on the driveways on both Friday and Saturday where needed during this last ice storm.

Question:

Why were expenses so under budget?

Answer: This was mostly due to lack of snow fall so far this winter. The unspent budgeted expenses will be put into our reserves.

Question:

Does Autumn Lakes have a **Neighborhood Watch** program?

Answer: There is no formal program, however we do recommend that neighbors keep a watch on what happens in the neighborhood and notify the police immediately of suspicious activity. Pat Doyon is willing to help start a formal Neighborhood Watch program and has invited Officer Mark Fedak from the Maryland Heights police department to our next Association meeting for more information.

If you'd like to assist with a Neighborhood Watch, please contact **Pat at 314-429-7977, ptdoyon@email.com**.

Other security suggestions for residents includes looking into 'smart home' technology and social media such as Next Door.

Next Door App:

Laura reminded everyone that NextDoor is a handy online social media community where residents can share information, post about events, sell/buy items and give/receive referrals for service. The NextDoor App is not associated with Autumn Lakes, is for information only and is not monitored by board members or by AMC Management.

If you would like to be connected with Nextdoor, contact Laura at 770-9442.



When neighbors start talking, good things happen.