



# Autumn Lakes Gazette

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### AMC Management

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*Architecture committee: Richard Ornberg, Shah Smith*

*Landscaping committee: Jay Black, Andrea Crouch, Retta Morcom*

*AL Website: [autumnlakesstl.com](http://autumnlakesstl.com)*



### Association Meeting

January 16, 2019

#### Introductions:

Shah Smith opened the meeting and introduced the Board members, Keith McCracken and Rob Adelson of AMC Management. Norm Rhea and Steve Borgmann, Maryland Heights Councilmen, were also introduced.

#### Management Report by Keith McCracken:

Autumn Lakes Association as of 11/30/18 was \$1,271 under budget on income YTD and \$37 under budget on expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 11/30/18 was \$11,860 over budget on income YTD and \$36,402 under budget on expenses YTD.

Rob and Dave have been very busy addressing work requests, removing squirrels and raccoons from attics, replacing mailboxes, cleaning gutters and clearing debris from a collapsed deck. Please do not feed the wildlife as it creates "nuisance situations." The fall leaf clean-up was delayed due to early snowfall and leaves still on the trees. Both fall clean-ups have now been completed. The next leaf clean-up is scheduled for spring in March.

We had severe winds come through the area in early January blowing tree limbs down throughout the property and causing roof damage on several buildings. Shields Tree Service came through and cleaned up tree debris for us, and Pridemaster made the necessary roof repairs. The Autumn Lakes entry sign on the left side coming in the entrance was partially blown down by winds. Rob and Dave have made a temporary repair and we are getting bids for a replacement sign.

The Basketball and Tennis Courts have been resurfaced, restriped and portable pickleball nets were purchased for the tennis court which are stored in the new storage container in the court enclosure. The tennis court will now be a dual purpose court. It can be set up for two pickleball courts or one tennis court. New signs are being installed indicating Residents Only, No Trespassing, Courts Close at Sunset. To use the tennis/pickleball courts, please contact the AMC office to get a personal key.

Residents are required to obtain Board approval for decks, windows, door replacements or modifications, as well as any other exterior architectural changes. All necessary city permits are required.

Please call 314.291-1450 if you have a work request, question or concerns or email [keith@amcassociation.com](mailto:keith@amcassociation.com)

### Board Reports:

**Snow Removal** – Please move cars off streets and into driveways during snowfall events. This will help Maryland Heights clear the streets and keep you from having to dig out your own car. After the streets have been cleared, move your cars from the driveways to the streets so the AL snow removal company can clear the driveways.

A big thank you to both Maryland Heights and our snow removal company for coming in early to help remove the snow in the last large snow event.

# “LIGHT UP AUTUMN LAKES” OUTDOOR DECORATION CONTEST

Sponsored by your AL Social Committee and Board of Trustees

## Holiday Decoration Contest:

Congratulations to the winners of our holiday decorating contest.

Houses: **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE** was awarded to **James & Victoria Schmid** (11987 ALD) and **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE** to **Sue Prentice** (12021 ALD)  
Condos: **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE** was awarded to **Chris & Amy Garrison** (3002 ALC) and **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE** to **Mary Lucas** (11925 ATC).

**Board Elections:** Shah Smith explained that there will be two Association Board positions up for election at the May meeting. Those positions are currently held by Jay Black and Jennifer Morgan. If you'd like to know more about what the board responsibilities are, please feel free to contact any of the board members. There is also a lot of information on the [autumnlakesstl.com](http://autumnlakesstl.com) website. You must be an owner in good standing to run for a trustee position.

**Street Light Requests:** Maryland Heights will not be adding additional street lights to our neighborhood at this time. Street lights need to be approximately 300 feet apart and the additional ones requested are too close to existing lights. The streetlight requested for Autumn Trace Court will not be installed by Maryland Heights because Autumn Trace Court is not a city street. The Public Works team will keep a closer eye on our trees that may be blocking light. The AL board will look into the possibility of getting a light installed another way.

## Committee Reports:

### Architectural Committee:

**Deck Issues:** On Monday, 1/7/19, the deck at 3032 Autumn Lakes Court collapsed. No one was injured and the building did not suffer any additional damage. The deck was original (about 38 years old) and was nailed to the building with no flashing or lag bolts holding it to the building. This deck collapsed because without proper flashing, water/ice got between the deck surface and building and rotted the boards supporting the deck. This could have been tragic. The debris was removed by Rob and Dave. The deck patio door sill plate and siding have been repaired to keep water and elements out of the building. **We strongly encourage owners to have their decks upgraded and repaired as necessary.** Call the office 314-291-1450 if you need help.

**Landscaping Committee:** Nothing to report.

### Social Committee:



The Social committee Christmas Caroled this year on December 16th. Twelve residents walked the neighborhood singing traditional Christmas songs. Light up Autumn Lakes awards were presented by AL Board members that evening. Santa even came along for the entire trip! Thank you to Glenn Mueller for helping organize this group. We collected \$116 for the St. Louis Carol Association. It was a fun experience and plans are in the works for December 2019.

## UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS:

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Spring Ladies Luncheon** for the women residents of Autumn Lakes.

This is something new to help introduce women in the neighborhood. It is in the planning stage, so we welcome your input. Please call Christine Melton to help make this a special event – 314-560-5705.



**Sunday, June 23 – Picnic at the Pool**

Always a great time for family and new friends. Yes, we'll have Fried Chicken, along with resident side dishes and desserts.  
Good eating and great fun!

**Sunday, October 6, 2019 – Autumn Fest**

We have moved this event to a Sunday instead of a Saturday. Details to come in future newsletters.

## “Many hands make light work”

We have been presented with lots of ideas for more events. AND, it takes a village to put these events on. We could use your hands to make the load on the committee lighter; and, at the same time create more opportunities for people to meet/greet. Please contact Christine Melton at 314-560-5705 if you can participate in some way. We'd love to have you.

*“One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals.” - Jean Vanier*

**City Councilman Report:** Norm Rhea provided information about some of the upcoming things in Maryland Heights highlighted in the Maryland Heights newsletter.

- Norm will look into having Santa Claus and the Fire Department visit Autumn Lakes in 2019 (may coincide with the Caroling).
- The city was having issues with the phone system at the Community Center when trying to register for the *St. Patrick's Day* events. If you would like to go to this event, please go to the Community Center to register. They will call you back to confirm.

- National Health Care is enlarging their facility on Fee Fee Road.
- Petro Mart/Phillips 66 on Dorsett Road is going to rebuild (currently closed).
- The QT on Fee Fee/Dorsett was relocated to Progress Parkway and features convenience store and QT restaurant and outdoor patio seating. The city is in discussions about the QT land sale agreements and the restrictions placed on the former site which is vacant.
- Andy's Frozen Custard has opened on Dorsett Road (in the Schnucks parking lot)!
- *Robata's of Japan* is opening in West Port.
- World Wide Technology is enlarging their space.
- GFI Digital is constructing a building on Pritchard Farm Road.
- *Kemoll's Restaurant*, the oldest family-owned restaurant in St Louis has closed in downtown St Louis and will be opening in Westport on Valentine's Day. The renamed *Kemoll's Chop House* will be located at Dierdorf & Hart's former location.
- *St. Louis Community Ice Center & Blues Practice Facility* should be open Fall 2019. It will be the first new indoor ice complex for St. Louis in decades. The four ice sheet facility will feature a 2500 capacity rink, the Blues practice rink, an indoor community ice rink and covered outdoor rink. When complete the complex will allow greater flexibility to host regional and national tournaments.
- The former 7-Eleven at McKelvey/Creve Coeur Mill Road will be a Phillips 66, called LP Mart. Zoning has been approved but it is not under construction yet.

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### *Residents Questions & Comments*

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**Q:** The resident asked what was included in our snow removal contract.

**A:** Our snow removal company removes snow on driveways and sidewalks. Maryland Heights will remove the snow on the streets, including the court streets.

**Q:** Resident asked about McKelvey Road and was concerned about seeing kids and other people walking along it when there are no sidewalks, especially at night or in the snow. Who has responsibility or can this be fixed?

**A:** The street is a St Louis County responsibility. However Maryland Heights and St Louis County are working together to replace the street s and add sidewalks in stages. Engineering plans are almost finalized and construction will start once plans are approved in the next couple of years.

**Q:** Resident asked if Maryland Heights had a law about shoveling sidewalks.

**A:** No. Maryland Heights does not have a law requiring homeowners to remove snow from sidewalks.

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#### **Pickleball league anyone??**

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a Wiffle Ball, over a net. Paddles and equipment will be available from the AMC office (unless, of course, you have your own!)

The tennis court requires a "key" to enter. This may be obtained from the AMC Office.

Contact **Richard Ornberg** at **817-357-2633** to help get a league started!!

### *Social Committee — We'd love to have you!*

We could sure use your help to bring new ideas together for events at Autumn Lakes!

Contact Christine Melton at: (314) 560-5705 or meltonchristine17@gmail.com

#### **CLUBHOUSE RENTAL—Lynn Dornfeld, AL Manager**

Don't forget that the Clubhouse can be rented for special events by unit owners. The Clubhouse is available for resident rental for gatherings during the week and on weekends for graduation parties, baby showers, bridal showers and more. For more information, please contact AMC office.

## Speaking of TRASH.....

- 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 TRASH 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.

## RECYCLING GUIDE

### YES:

Cardboard - Junk Mail - Newspapers  
Beverage Cans - Food Boxes - Food Cans  
Glass Jars & Bottles - Milk/Juice Cartons  
Plastic jugs, Bottles & Containers  
*Empty all containers and replace caps*

### NOT THESE:

Plastic bags, any kind  
Coat hangers—Scrap Metal—Pots/Pans  
Soiled foil - Heavily soiled food containers  
Juice Pouches - Foil packs  
Paper Plates - Plastic utensils  
Electronics—Batteries  
#6 Plastics (ex. Styrofoam)

**The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting will be held on 3/20/2019 at 7 pm.  
Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.**



**Autumn Lakes Ladies!**  
Mark your calendars for  
Sunday, April 28th, 2019.

Contact Christine to help put this together!