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Architecture committee: Richard Ornberg, Shah Smith

Landscaping committee: Jay Black, Andrea Crouch

AL Website: autumnlakesstl.com

Fried Chicken and Beverages provided
 (Beer, Margaritas, Soda & Water)
RESIDENTS: Bring a dish to share
 (Appetizer, Salad, Side Dish or Dessert)

Summer Picnic at the Pool
 Autumn Lakes Clubhouse
Sunday, August 6, 2017
4 to 7 pm
 Dinner served at 5

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July 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. Norm Rhea, Maryland Heights City Councilman for Ward 4, was also welcomed.

Association Management Report by Keith McCracken: Autumn Lakes Association as of 6/30/17 was \$386 over budget on income YTD and \$2,477 under budget on expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 6/30/17 was \$4,134 over budget on income YTD and \$15,042 under budget on expenses YTD.

Eight retaining walls have been replaced in 2017 by contractors and several smaller walls have been replaced by our maintenance staff.



Eight buildings were scheduled for painting in 2017. Mark Neubauer has completed all but two. Mark is also busy with a number of requests for siding and trim repair.

The fall shrub trimming will be the last week of September and first week of October, weather permitting.

With the new pool gate and clubhouse access card system, we now have Wi-Fi available at the pool. The password is available in the clubhouse lower level for residents and their guests.

Rob and Dave have been very busy cleaning gutters, replacing shrubs, trimming trees, planting grass, addressing work requests and replacing smaller retaining walls. Rob now has access to a computer to add work orders as well.

The pool is open through Labor Day, September 4th. The Board decided to keep the pool open up to 2 weeks longer depending on the weather.

Residents are required to obtain Board approval for decks, windows, lights, door replacements or any other exterior modifications to a home. All necessary city and county permits are required.

Please note that the Autumn Lakes rules do not allow for commercial vehicles to be kept on the premises.

Filing a work order is easy: You can go online to <http://www.autumnlakesstl.com/contact-us.html> and click on the "Contact Us" link if you have a question, concern, or work request, or, contact the AMC office at 314-291-1450 or email the office@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.

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

You are Invited to an Appreciation Party for: Rob & Dave

Sunday, September 17, 2017
1 to 3 pm at the AL Clubhouse
(See details inside this newsletter)

WiFi now at the Clubhouse

With the new pool gate and clubhouse access card system, we now have Wi-Fi available at the pool. The password is available in the clubhouse lower level for residents and guests.

AL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE
Saturday, September 30, 2017

The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting will be held on 9/20/17 at 7 pm.
Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.

BOARD REPORTS

Pool Information:

Kudos to our new pool management company, Bi-State Pool, for maintaining the pool this year. This new company even sends Keith emails when a technician is onsite so that he can address any immediate issues. Shah asked everyone to please close and tie down umbrellas when leaving the pool area to prevent damage during storms. She also reminded everyone about the new Wi-Fi available in the clubhouse.

Parking:

Laura explained that the Board has requested a few changes to the no-parking signs in the neighborhood around Autumn Trace Court, Autumn Shores Drive and Autumn Trace Drive to make it easier for drivers to see oncoming traffic. These requests will be reviewed by Maryland Heights Public Works and will need to be approved by the City Council.

Jay reminded residents that parked vehicles cannot overlap/block a sidewalk, nor park on the grass. Residents and visitors cannot park in another resident's driveway without permission, and this includes currently vacant units. Non-residents cannot park in Autumn Lakes while on vacation (cheap cab ride to the airport). In addition, if residents see issues with illegal parking, vehicles with expired plates, nuisance cars or potentially abandoned cars on the streets, please call the Maryland Heights Police dispatch number at 314-298-8700. If there is a problem with a car in one of our off-street parking areas, please call AMC at 314-291-1450.

Street Lights: Laura will be meeting with a group of residents to review the streetlights in the neighborhood once the weather cools down. Additional street light requests made by Autumn Lakes will be reviewed by the MH Public Works office and will require approval by the City Council.

Garage Sale: The fall Garage Sale is scheduled for **September 30th**. The Pattonville Homecoming Parade is scheduled for October 14th.

Architecture Committee:

Dick Ornberg spoke briefly about making sure that residents contact the Architecture Committee prior to having work done that affects the exterior of their unit. The committee members would love to help you with your projects, answer questions and provide resources to make your project go smoothly! They can also provide valuable feedback about permit needs or things to avoid in projects. Residents must also call the office and submit plans prior to construction.

Dick spoke specifically about options for residents who'd like to get sliding glass doors with blinds inside. The less expensive option for residents is to consider swapping out sliding doors for French doors with blinds. The added benefit is that these doors can be more secure. If you have questions, speak with the Architecture Committee.

Shah told the group that there is now a question on the sales listing form asking about any improvements—AND IF PERMITS WERE PULLED for the work.

Landscaping Committee:

Please contact Jay Black or Andrea Crouch if you want to make changes to trees or shrubbery or have questions about landscaping around a unit. Jay pointed out that there is nothing that can prevent oak galls, acorns, pine cones, sweetgum balls or other natural falling items from trees. Please contact AMC if an area needs special attention for clean-up.

Social Committee:

Butch Rhomberg, a Social Committee team member, presented the report. The Ice Cream Social on June 25th was a great success. Over 100 residents enjoyed ice cream from the *Cooltimes* ice cream truck. At this event, an informal poll was taken on whether the postcards for social events was important. The majority of residents responded that signs at the bulletin board were sufficient. The money used for the postcards will be used towards social events instead.

❖ Sunday, August 6 – Summer Picnic at Pool 4 to 7 pm. Dinner is served at 5 pm so come early!

This is our favorite FRIED CHICKEN event. Bring a dish to share and Autumn Lakes provides the chicken and drinks.

❖ Saturday, October 7 – AutumnFest, 4-8 pm

Residents bring a dish to share and AMC Association provides the Pulled Pork. Dinner is served at 5 pm. Spunky Beans face painter will again join us for this fun evening.

❖ Beer tasting at a local microbrewery:

If anyone is interested in a field trip for a Beer Tasting event, please contact Christine Melton at meltonchristine17@gmail.com.

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL:

Don't forget that the Clubhouse can be rented for special events by unit owners. The Clubhouse has hosted several graduation parties, baby showers, bridal showers and more. For more information, please contact AMC office.

PINK FLAMINGO FRIDAY PARTIES:

While Pink Flamingo Friday Parties are not a Social Committee event, they are a huge favorite with residents.

Watch for the Pink Flamingos to appear at the bulletin board and at the host's driveway!



What is a Pink Flamingo Party? It's a bring-your-own-refreshments/chair to the driveway where the host is identified by a flock of pink flamingos at the end of their driveway. The flock is passed from party host to the next party host.

Call Christine (314) 560-5705 if you'd like to share your driveway! She'll help you get the flamingoes and sign out.

BE READY!

Jay reminded everyone that they need to know where their main water valve shutoff is located and make sure they can turn it. Being able to turn off your water in an emergency can make a big difference in how much damage is done.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Question: What should a resident do if another resident is excessively loud for long periods of time?

Answer: Please contact the Maryland Heights Police Department for nuisance noise.

Question: Could the Landscaping Committee and AMC look at the landscaping around the highway fencing near the maintenance garage to improve the appearance and hide the highway?

Answer: The Landscaping Committee and AMC will take a look at the area and evaluate the landscaping.

Question: What is going on with development of the Lakes District and sidewalks in our area?

Answer: Norm Rhea spoke up about the planned sidewalks in the area and the extension of the McKelvey Woods Trail. Please feel free to contact Norm, the city or attend City Council meetings for more information.

Question: What is the percentage of renters are in the neighborhood?

Answer: Approximately 8% of the residents in the community are renters. Only those unit owners who purchased their unit prior to 2009 are permitted to lease their units.

DO YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA for an improvement for the neighborhood? Please come to the next meeting and let us know what amenities or improvements that you'd like to see at Autumn Lakes.

You are Invited to an Appreciation Party for: Rob & Dave

The difference between a good management company and a really good management company are the guys that wear the "boots on the ground and have hands on the ladders". This is what Rob Adelson and Dave Bakker do for us and therefore, we have a great management company. These are the workers, that in my opinion, distinguish AMC above their competitors.



Dave and Rob sweat out the hottest days on the roofs, cold and rainy days on the lakes, or taking care of storm problems while it is storming.

They do caring things for residents beyond their written duties. Dave and Rob have been the hands that have kept Autumn Lakes looking like a just-built community. Both have been a blessing and comfort for us all to know they are "our first-responders" always ready to answer and take on our first problems. - Jay Black, Trustee

As our way of expressing thanks, we are hosting a special Resident Appreciation Party for them on:

**Sunday, September 17, 2017
1 to 3 pm at the AL Clubhouse**

If you cannot attend, you may send a card in advance, or drop it by to:

Christine Melton
11915 Autumn Trace Court,
Maryland Heights MO 63043
....or call and she will pick it up.
(314) 560-5705