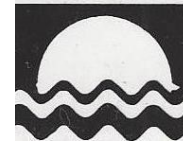


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March 15, 2017 MEETING
GUEST AND BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions:

Shah Smith opened the meeting and introduced the Board members, Keith McCracken and Rob Adelson of AMC Management. New residents and new-to-the-meeting residents were recognized and welcomed. Tonight's special guest speaker Officer Mark Fedak, Community Relations Officer, from the Maryland Heights Police Department was also welcomed.

Neighborhood Watch Presentation: Mark Fedak spoke to the group about the Neighborhood Watch program and what residents can do to prevent crime in our area. Neighborhood Watch programs have evolved over the years and are still changing. The advantages to our neighborhood is that the majority of the residents are property owners and as such pay more attention to their neighborhood, and they get to know who their neighbors are.

The police want residents that pay attention to their neighborhoods. They would prefer that residents notice something suspicious and call for help before that activity turns into a crime. So don't hesitate to call if you see something that grabs your attention. **Call the Maryland Heights Police dispatch number—314-298-8700 to report any non-emergency suspicious activity.** If you are curious about crime reports in your area, you can also check out www.marylandheights.com and click on Departments > Police > Crime Reporting Map.

Resident Question: Do Neighborhood Watch Signs still exist? And what about window decals for residents homes to indicate a safe place for children to go?

Answer: Yes, Neighborhood Watch signs are still in use. Window decals however have been phased out as there's a control factor on whether or not that is truly a safe place for a child to go.

Resident Question: What can we do about people speeding through our neighborhood?

Answer: Feel free to call the MH Police dispatch number 314-298-8700 to report the speeding incident. If it all possible, please note the make and model (or license plate if you can!) and vehicle direction when making the call. The more information you can provide the easier it is for the police to locate and talk with the vehicle's owner.

Mark also spoke about the Nextdoor social network. The police department cannot see what residents are talking about within Nextdoor, however you can send a private message to Mark through Nextdoor if you have questions or concerns.

Maryland Heights also has a Vacation Watch program available. If you call the general City Hall phone number (314-291-6550) and ask to speak to the Records clerks during regular business hours, they will walk you through the information they need to have the police check on your property while you are gone. Just make sure you call them when you return.

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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WANTED:

Swimming Pool Guest Relations Specialist

This part-time paid position may work up to 20 hours a week depending on the weather.

The purpose of the Guest Relations staff member is to help maintain pool policies that have been established by the Association. He/She is not a lifeguard, however they will help enforce safe practices and monitor maintenance issues.

Contact Shah Smith—(314) 960-6620 to apply by April 15th. Interviews will be conducted after April 15.



The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting will be held on 5/17/17 at 7 pm. This is BOARD ELECTION night, so all Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.

Association Management Report by Keith McCracken:

Autumn Lakes Association as of 2/28/17 was \$150 over budget on assessment income YTD and \$1,614 under budget on expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 2/28/17 was \$4,912 under budget on income YTD and \$21,111 under budget on expenses YTD. Most of the under budget expenses were due to a mild winter with little snow removal expense.

Seven retaining walls have been sent out for bid for replacement in 2017:

3011 ASD (Clubhouse around AC units)
3158 ATD ♦ 12057 ALD ♦ 3146 ATD
12157 ALD ♦ 3000 ALC ♦ 3059 ASD

One additional wall at 12006 Autumn Lakes Drive will be rebuilt because the ground has shifted the wall. This will be done at no cost to the Association.

Buildings scheduled for painting in 2017 are:

3126–3136 ATD ♦ 3116–3124 ATD ♦ 3100–3110 ATD
3127–3137 ATD ♦ 3115–3125 ATD ♦ 11977–11997 ATC
11947–11971 ATC ♦ 11954–11962 ALD

The painter will notify residents prior to power-washing the building and ask for items to be removed from deck areas. Unit owners are responsible to keep their decks in good repair. The painter and his crew will not work on a deck if safety concerns are present. Owners will be notified and be required to bring decks into safety code compliance if defects are found.

The lake fountains will be re-installed this spring. The spring leaf clean-up was completed. Rob and Dave are applying our first round of pre-emergent fertilizer/weed control.

An assortment of trees and shrubs are scheduled to be planted behind 3100–3110 Autumn Trace Drive over the next couple of weeks. Redbuds, Kwanzan Cherries (both ornamental flowering trees) and a hedge row of Forsythia are planned.

Crowder Construction completed the drainage and grading project behind 12101–12109 Autumn Lakes Drive after two large trees were removed. Our maintenance team cleared brush and weeds from the fence line. This was done to control an erosion problem in the area. Rob and Dave are now clearing more fence line behind the next building uphill which is 12117–12127 Autumn Lakes Drive.

Crowder Construction is also looking at another drainage issue behind 3051 Autumn Shores Drive at the rear corner of the driveway.

Pool cards are available at the AMC office and can be obtained at the next homeowner meeting on May 17. If you already have a pool card or cards they are good for this coming pool season. Replacement cards require a \$10 de-

posit per card (limit of 2 cards per unit). Deposit is refundable if the card(s) are returned.

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, company logos or equipment hanging on the vehicle.

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 April 7th** and fill out the required information form **by April 14th**. **Information about candidates seeking election will be sent out about May 2nd with the ballots so that residents can review the information prior to voting. The election will be held at the May meeting.** If you'd like to know more about board responsibilities, please feel free to contact any of the board members.

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

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. This includes windows, doors, lights and decks. New windows must match the current window color and have the same grid pattern. Maryland Heights also requires that windows have low E glass in them.

Decks must be uniform in look to those around them. Residents must call the office and submit plans prior to construction.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE:

Jay Black explained that the Landscaping Committee has completed identifying and marking the trees to be treated for the Emerald Ash Borer. Maryland Heights has taken out

the 33 street trees that needed to be removed and has seeded the areas. Gamma Tree Service will begin treating the remaining Ash trees (with green dots) this spring.

Several residents commended Maryland Heights for how quickly and neatly they had taken out the trees. Jay and Shah explained that a letter of thanks from the community was sent to Maryland Heights for how they handled the trees in our neighborhood.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The first event of the season, Trivia Night was a fun evening with approximately 25 residents, many of them new to the social events. Christine Melton shared with the group upcoming events:

❖ Saturday, May 6 – Wine Tasting

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 more residents can participate. Watch for your postcard requesting your RSVP.



❖ 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 goodies from CoolTimes ice cream truck again this year! No need to RSVP—just come!



❖ Sunday, August 6 – Pool Party

❖ Saturday, October 7 – Autumn Fest

❖ Beer tasting at a local microbrewery:

We are making plans to go as a group to a local microbrewery for beer tasting (since they won't come to us.) Please contact Christine Melton so we can set a date. (314) 560-5705.

PINK FLAMINGO FRIDAY PARTIES:

Watch for the Pink Flamingos to start appearing at the bulletin board soon! Pink Flamingo Friday Parties are a huge favorite with residents.



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 first party will be kicking off in April. The flock is passed from party host to the next party host.

Community Center Opening:

The new Maryland Height's Community Center will be opening on April 3rd at 5:30 am with a Grand Opening celebration on May 20th from 1–4 pm.

MODOT Survey: MODOT is conducting a survey about Highway 70 from Wentzville to the Mississippi River. If you'd like to give feedback go to <http://www.envision70.com/>

Emergency After Hours Contact: Jay Black spoke to the residents about how to report emergencies with facilities after business hours. Please **call the management office at 314-291-1450 and follow the prompts to report an after-hours emergency.** This option will call either Keith or Mickey Montee who can then ask specific questions about the emergency and determine what help or utility needs to be called.

The most common emergency calls are ones about HVAC units where condensation pans are dripping through a neighbor's ceiling, washing machine hoses which have broken and are leaking water and residents having difficulty finding water shut off valves. Most of these issues are avoidable by having HVAC units serviced regularly, replacing washing machine hoses every 5 years with braided steel hoses and learning how to locate the main water shut off valve before there is an emergency. Rob would be happy to help residents locate their water shut off valves – just call the AMC office for an appointment.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Question:

Do we need a fishing license to catch and release fish in the lakes?

Answer:

No, because the lakes are part of AL private property, residents do not need a permit to fish.

Question:

Are sheds allowed?

Answer: No, sheds and outbuildings are not allowed as stated in the indentures. This applies to both condominiums and houses in the neighborhood.

Next Door App:



When neighbors start talking, good things happen.