

Autumn Lakes Gazette

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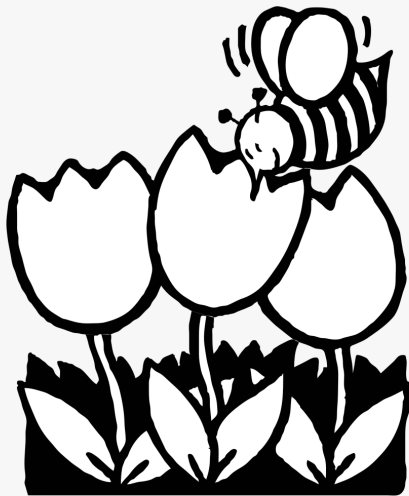
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Autumn Lakes Association

March 18, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the normal March 2020 Autumn Lakes Association Meeting was canceled. Trustees met through teleconference for the normal executive session.

Management Report by Keith McCracken:

Autumn Lakes Association as of 2/29/20 was \$966 under budget on income YTD and \$1,205 over budget on expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 2/29/20 was \$2,902 over budget on income YTD and \$7,359 under budget on expenses YTD.

Rob and Dave have been very busy addressing work requests and applying pre-emergent fertilizer to the lawns. They have re-installed the lake fountain in the middle lake. A new lake fountain and aeration system was purchased for the large lower lake. The new fountain and aeration system arrived on 3/17/20 and was installed this week.

With the arrival of spring, residents are reminded that squirrels, birds and raccoons continue to be a problem in our attics, please do not feed the wildlife as it creates a nuisance situation and can result in costly repairs.

The spring leaf clean-up was completed the week of March 9th. Cut Rate did a very good job however the sweet gum trees are dropping their gum balls now. We will monitor these and see that they are cleaned up as well.

Mulch is scheduled for this year. Mulching of landscape beds and some trees will be done the weeks of March 30 and April 6. Mulching is done in the even years, 2020, 2022 etc. in order to keep expenses down.

Shrub trimming is scheduled for the last week of May and first week of June for our first trimming of the year, then again the last week of September and first week of October for our second trimming. Shrubs are trimmed twice annually. Please contact the office if you do not want your shrubs trimmed.

The swimming pool will tentatively open on Saturday, May 23. If you already have a pool key card there is no need to get a new one. **Your pool access card will be turned on if you've submitted your AMC information sheet to the office.** If you need a replacement card there is a \$10.00 deposit per card (limit 2 cards per unit). Cards can be obtained at the AMC Management office during regular business hours (when it re-opens to the public) or at the Annual meeting on May 20, 2020 at the Clubhouse.

We have received two nominations for the Board election in May. Richard Ornberg and Shah Smith are the two nominations received and both currently serve on the Board. Their candidate information forms will be included with ballots which should be mailed about May 5th. **If anyone else is interested in running for a trustee position, please contact the AMC office before Friday, April 10th.**

Residents are encouraged to know where the water shut-offs are in their unit and that they function properly. In the event of a water emergency, knowing where and how to shut off the water flow quickly is very important and can save thousands of dollars in damage to your unit and the neighboring units. Every unit should have functioning water shut-offs to the toilets, sinks, water heater etc. Every unit should have a functioning main water shut-off valve.

Maryland Heights' city ordinances require all dogs to be on leash and under control when outdoors. They also require pet owners to pick up and dispose of their pet's waste. Please comply with these ordinances in order to foster a pleasant environment for all residents.

Check with the City of Maryland Heights to be sure your contractor has all required permits for any work being done on your unit. Obtain Board approval prior to replacing or modifying decks, windows, doors, patios, garage doors or landscaping.

Do not plant trees without Board approval.

A reminder that Autumn Lakes does have an RV Lot for residents. However, available spaces are very limited and must be reserved through the Management office. Contact AMC if you have an interest in reserving a space for a boat or RV.

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

Social Committee

All social committee activities have been postponed until the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions have been lifted. More information about when events will be held will be discussed at the May meeting. Watch the bulletin board at the front entrance for any event updates!

Helping Neighbors While Sheltering In Place

Several neighbors have expressed interest in helping out with shopping, picking up prescriptions, errands or other tasks for those who may have compromised immunities or in high risk categories for COVID-19. Shah Smith has a list of people willing to help out. If you're interested in helping out or need assistance, please contact Shah.



**SANTA on the
2019 AL Float!**

Board Reports:

Shah Smith

Christine Melton is tweaking the designs for the new logo and signs. Shah says Maryland Heights doesn't care if we do one or two signs. The trustees will finalize the decisions after getting the updated designs.

Richard Ornberg

Met with the electrician about the plans to install wiring for the new fountain for the lower lake.

Thanks, Richard. The new fountain looks great!

Jay Black

A resident asked about the ash tree at 12008 Autumn Lakes Dr. It is a city tree that Autumn Lakes has been treating but it is now split. The trustees discussed whether it should be chained to attempt to repair the split. The trustees decided to ask the city to take down the tree because it is causing sidewalk damage and will continue to need care. Jay will contact Steve Schenck, Maryland Heights Public Works, to remove the tree and to not plant a replacement in that same area.



A GOOD TIME TO EXERCISE!

There are ways to stay active. The CDC even recommends regular exercise (30-60 minutes per day) to help cope with the stress and take care of your body. Exercise will keep you both mentally and physically healthy during your quarantine. It can help reduce elevated cortisol levels, as well as trigger the release of endorphins, boosting your overall mood and happiness.

Go for a walk. Wave to your neighbors. Have happy hour from your own porch and yard. Let's get creative!

PICKLEBALL and TENNIS may be terrific ways to release some energy. If you choose to take advantage of this opportunity, please adhere to the six-foot social distancing, handwashing and sanitizing protocols.



And remember:

WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN

Speaking of TRASH.....

- Our AL Trash and Recycle Pick-up is on TUESDAY morning.
- For 2020, MEMORIAL DAY & LABOR DAY pick-up will be on WEDNESDAY morning.
 - Yard Waste Pick-up is on Monday morning (holiday schedule *may* apply)

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.

Autumn Lakes Ladies Luncheon

POSTPONED

**WE WILL
HOLD THIS EVENT AS SOON AS
WE HAVE THE "ALL CLEAR"!**

**And won't that be a great time
to celebrate!**

The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting and election is scheduled for 5/20/2020 at 7 pm.



And the people sat still
and the earth healed and
Spring came, flowers bloomed,
bringing hope and beauty
back into the world.

- INSPIRIVITY, Jennifer Wagner