

# Autumn Lakes Gazette

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### Autumn Lakes Meeting

May 20, 2020

**Association Meeting** – Due to COVID-19, the normal May 2020 Autumn Lakes Association Meeting was canceled. Trustees and Keith McCracken met through teleconference for the executive session.

**Candidates for Board Trustees:** There were two candidates for the trustee elections: Dick Ornberg and Shah Smith. Ballots were mailed to unit and home owners in early May with self-addressed stamped envelopes to return ballots. 117 ballots were returned to AMC. Ballots were counted by AMC staff members. Dick Ornberg won the three-year term, Shah Smith won the two-year term. There were two write in candidates with one vote each.

**Management Report by Keith McCracken:** Autumn Lakes Association as of 4/30/20 was \$668 under budget on income YTD and \$15,588 under budget on expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 4/30/20 was \$8,491 over budget on income YTD and \$12,848 under budget on expenses YTD.

Rob and Dave have completed the spring gutter cleaning and are busy with work requests. They have planted the flowers at the entrance and at the clubhouse.

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.

Mulching was completed the weeks of March 23 and March 30. 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. A second trimming is scheduled for the last week of September first week of October. Shrubs are trimmed twice annually.

The swimming pool has been prepared to open, however, the pool will remain closed due to the COVID-19 virus until St. Louis County Health Department provides guidance for opening. Although private, Autumn Lakes pool is classified as a community pool and subject to St. Louis County Health Dept. regulations.

When the pool does open, if you already have a pool key card there is no need to get a new one. If you need a replacement card a \$10.00 deposit per card is required (limit 2 cards per unit). Cards can be obtained by



contacting Shah Smith at 314-960-6620. **Pool cards will only be activated for residents who've competed and returned their 2020 Homeowner Information Sheet provided in the May mailing.**

We are currently looking at painting four buildings this year. More details about which units will be painted will come in July. Unit owners are required to maintain their decks in good repair. If your deck is deemed unsafe the painter will not get on it to paint and you will be notified by AMC the deck must be brought into compliance with safety codes.

We are currently looking to replace two parking lots and 17 asphalt driveways. These were identified in our 2019 fall inspection. Asphalt work would be completed in July/August and all affected will be notified.

Autumn Lakes rules as well as City Ordinance require all dogs to be on a leash and under control when outdoors. They also require pet owners to pick up and dispose of pet waste. Please comply with these rules/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 or house. Obtain Board approval prior to replacing or modifying decks, windows, doors, patios or landscaping for units or other exterior changes for houses. 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 AMC 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, question or concern. Or email Keith at [keith@amcassociation.com](mailto:keith@amcassociation.com) If Keith is not available, the staff at AMC are happy to enter work orders if there is an issue with a unit.

#### **Economic Development Update:**

Norm Rhea provided a written report to the Board about updates in the Maryland Heights area.

Projects Ongoing:

- ◆ The Flats at Dorsett Ridge/Old Bally's site continues to progress with demolition and grading to start soon.
- ◆ Safety National continues to make progress at the site with the expansion of their current facility.
- ◆ KBG/Panattoni, continues to progress with grading at their site in front of Sport Port, and Doug Jones, Norm Rhea and the Levee District continue to make headway with MSD on the easement for the main drainage channel, adjacent to the development.
- ◆ Tony's Donuts/Old Quick Trip site - Closing on the property has been extended to June 1, 2020. Due to COVID-19 the closing of the property needed to be extended per US Title and the lender.
- ◆ TriStar/South River Valley - What was the proposed McBride Homes site, also continues to progress. It has slowed, but Mike Towerman continues to work on the due diligence and the plan for the development of the 126 acres.

#### **Additional Economic Development Department Information:**

Maryland Heights will communicate with our local businesses to provide information for assistance, to understand how COVID-19 has affected their business, and to get a grasp on what their plans are as we navigate through these changing times. The virus has caused many of our local businesses to re-evaluate how they do business and what it means for their future. Many of these items are still not fully understood, and the total impact to our economy is yet to be determined.

The Economic Development Department is researching our small businesses within Maryland Heights and gathering a list of those that have been closed to identify those that meet the criteria for assistance from St. Louis County. This is the Small Business Relief Program, for which our representative has \$2.5 million dollars to help these small businesses to get back on their feet and open their doors. We will be submitting a list to the Mayor and the Mayor will decide which businesses to recommend for qualification and support.

As we look at recovery of the economy we will attempt to develop a plan on what that will look like and what opportunities will come from the pandemic. We know there is a lot of information out there. Many econo-

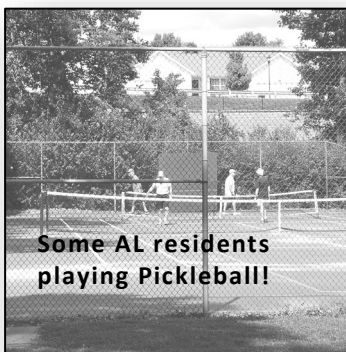
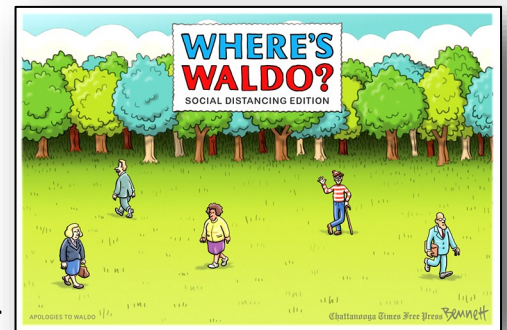
mists have varying opinions and depending on whom you believe it will be a struggle for many restaurant, entertainment, and hospitality businesses. We believe that Maryland Heights is positioned well to rebound effectively as we look at new businesses to introduce to our City and the community.

### Committee Reports

**Architecture Committee:** Dick explained that the most common requests for approval now are replacement of the wood decks. These changes do require the Architectural Committee approval. The committee makes sure that the proposed deck matches the aesthetics of the neighborhood to maintain the appeal of our properties. Composite wood decks are considered, but again should match the aesthetics of the nearby units. The Architecture Committee can help you choose samples that would meet those requirements. Maryland Heights requires permits for safety and building integrity. Don't be afraid to call members of the Architecture Committee, the Board or Maryland Heights with questions. They are there to help!

**Landscaping Committee:** Jay reported that the committee has reassessed the need for more trees on Autumn Lakes Court after the 2019 tree removal. The neighbors in this area have agreed that the number of trees in the area is fine.

**Social Committee:** The only social events we are doing at this time are Pink Flamingo Fridays. Watch for the bird flock at the bulletin board and come visit some folks that may not live next to you! We ask that you follow safe distancing, and probably not bring food to share (at this time).



**The Tennis/Pickleball Courts are OPEN!**  
Join the fun to play or just come to watch.

### RENTAL REMINDER:

Autumn Lakes Condos is an owner occupied complex. This allows us to meet lending criteria when selling, and it keeps up our property values. This means that unless you were grandfathered in (ownership prior to September 2009) you cannot rent your unit. There is an exception if you are "renting" to your parents or your children, or if you are renting to a roommate while you are still living in the unit. Just as all owners require an occupancy permit from Maryland Heights, you are required to get a new occupancy permit each time the occupants change. A copy of the lease (which can be open ended for family) needs to be on file in the AMC office as well. Owners who do have rentals are responsible for the actions of their renters, and any fines levied go to the homeowner. Just a reminder if you are renting, a legal bedroom requires access to the outside (walk out or egress window), a closet and a private door. Non-walkout basements cannot use the lower level as an extra bedroom. Maryland Heights and Autumn Lakes do not allow Air BnB or VRBO type short term rentals.

### NEW BUYERS AND SELLERS:

**If you are selling your unit please be aware that a Resale Certificate must be ordered from the AMC office, and an occupancy inspection is required from Maryland Heights.** Please make sure your listing agent is aware of this. If you are selling your unit off market, these things are still required. As a buyer, you should be receiving that Resale Certificate prior to closing. It includes indentures, HOA information, the Budget, etc. You should also have received a Welcome Packet from the office within a week or so of moving in. This has a lot of important additional information for you. If you did not immediately move into your unit and did not have your mail forwarded, it is possible that you may not have received this. Just call the office to request one. In addition, our website *AutumnLakesSTL.com* has copies of all our rules and regulations, indentures, past newsletters, calendar events and upcoming news (garage sales, pool opening, etc.).

The AL pool will open on **Tuesday, June 16th** following COVID-19 restrictions. Read the important details inside this newsletter, or at [autumnlakesstl.com](http://autumnlakesstl.com).

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>TUES-SUNDAY</b>	<b>POOL OPEN</b>	<b>10 AM to 5 pm</b>
<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Pool CLOSED</b>	<b>CLEANING</b> Leave Pool Area
<b>10:00-12:00</b>	<b>Pool OPEN</b>	<b>Max 20 people;</b> Bring own chairs
<b>12:00-12:30</b>	<b>Pool CLOSED</b>	<b>CLEANING</b> Leave Pool Area
<b>12:30-2:30</b>	<b>Pool OPEN</b>	<b>Max 20 people;</b> Bring own chairs
<b>2:30-3:00</b>	<b>Pool CLOSED</b>	<b>CLEANING</b> Leave Pool Area
<b>3:00-5:00</b>	<b>Pool OPEN</b>	<b>Max 20 people;</b> Bring own chairs

## Nothing gets people outside like Happy Hour!

It's a beautiful time of year to be outside. Whether in your own yard or driveway ....neighbors coming together is a wonderful thing.

Be a thoughtful neighbor in giving each other space.

See you out soon!



The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting is scheduled for 7/15/2020 at 7 pm.

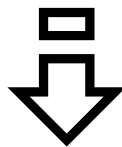


Life is so ironic.

It takes sadness to know what happiness is,  
noise to appreciate silence and absence to  
value presence.

- INSPIRIVITY, Jennifer Wagner

**SEE NEW POOL RULES BELOW**



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## NEW 2020 POOL RULES

The Autumn Lakes pool will open on **Tuesday June 16th** following COVID-19 restrictions. As result, **we will only allow 20 people in the pool area** besides the pool monitor. The kiddie pool will not be open.

**The pool will only be available to residents – no guests allowed.** Only residents who have turned in their Homeowner Information form in 2020 will have access to the pool. You must also be current on the monthly assessments.

**Pool monitors will ask if you are healthy, take your temperature and note your name and the time. Residents are responsible for wearing face masks, following COVID-19 standards, and maintaining social distance of 6 ft from people not living with you on the deck and in the water.**

**BY ENTERING THE POOL AREA YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDED COVID-19 STANDARDS AND PRECAUTIONS.**

**YOU ENTER THE POOL AREA AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

We will not require residents to reserve pool time. It will mostly be first-come first-served. If residents are turned away because there are already 20 people in the pool area, they will be among the first to come in for the next shift. If there are not 20 people coming in for the next shift, people who were in the pool area during the previous shift can come back for the next shift.

**The planned pool schedule is Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am until 5 pm. The pool will be closed on Mondays.** We will be using 2 hour shifts with 1/2 hour cleaning/prep times before each shift. There will be 3 shifts each day. **Everyone will have to leave the pool area at the end of the shift.** This will allow the most residents to access the pool while following COVID-19 restrictions.

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Tues-Sunday	Pool Schedule	10 am to 5 pm
9:30 - 10:00	Pool Closed	Cleaning; leave pool
10:00 - 12:00	Pool Open	Max 20 people
12:00 - 12:30	Pool Closed	Cleaning; leave pool
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2:30-3:00	Pool Closed	Cleaning; leave pool
3:00 - 5:00	Pool Open	Max 20 people

**We are required to have a pool monitor on duty whenever the pool is open. The upcoming week's pool schedule will be on the [autumnlakesstl.com](http://autumnlakesstl.com) website on Sunday.**

For a few years we have had part time monitors that work at random times during the week up to 20 hours total. They will not be able to cover all the hours we want to have the pool open. We have a couple of residents who have already volunteered to perform the pool monitor duties, but **we need a few more volunteers to help out** to make our plan work. Would you be willing to help as a volunteer pool monitor? If so, contact Laura Farkas at 314-770-9442 or [lfarkas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lfarkas@sbcglobal.net) to get more info. **If we don't have enough monitors, the pool will be closed for some shifts.**

**Residents will have to bring their own face masks, chairs and lounges.**

We will still allow pool floats, noodles and diving toys unless they become a problem. We have stored the pool furniture except for some tables with their umbrellas so the monitors don't have to clean the pool furniture before each shift.

**These are our initial rules and plans. The trustees will re-evaluate rules that we can control as we go through the pool season.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE, CONSIDERATION AND APPRECIATION of your Autumn Lakes neighbors.**