



# Autumn Lakes Gazette

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### Autumn Lakes Meeting

5/19/2021

**Association Meeting** – The Association held the May meeting via Zoom. Future meetings may be held on Zoom – please check the Autumn Lakes website at <http://www.AutumnLakesSTL.com/> for more information and the link to Zoom.

#### Councilman Report:

Norm Rhea provided a short update on what's going on with Maryland Heights.

- ◆ New signage for *World Wide Technologies* is being installed.
- ◆ There's a sustainability center being built on Creve Coeur Mill Rd

- ◆ *Ryze Adventure Park* is under construction at the corner of McKelvey Road and Creve Coeur Mill Rd near Grace Church. Only the parking lot for the park is in Maryland Heights.
- ◆ May 28<sup>th</sup> is the grand re-opening of Aqua Port.

#### Management Report By Keith McCracken:

Autumn Lakes Association as of 4/30/2021 was \$270 over budget in income and \$12,412 under budget in expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 4/30/2021 was \$16,208 over budget on income and \$28,506 under budget on expenses YTD.

Dave has been busy getting the pool ready for our 2021 season and completing work orders throughout the property. He has a new trailer for hauling brush and supplies. He will soon have a new assistant groundsman.

The foundation at 3010 Autumn Shores Drive was recently supported with new piers. *Woods Basement* will be returning soon to finish filling and grading as soon as the grounds dry out.

The trees are still dropping this year's crop of seeds. Dave and his assistant will be around to do the spring gutter cleaning over the next few weeks.

The lake fountain on the main lake was installed and a new fountain was installed in the middle lake on May 20th.

The first shrub trimming is scheduled for the last week of May and first week of June. This is a no-mulch year. Mulching of the landscaping beds is scheduled for 2022.

If you are planning to make changes to the landscaping around your unit, please contact AMC to obtain Board approval, this includes planting trees.

Check with the City of Maryland Heights to be sure your contractor has all required permits for any work being done on your unit. Contact AMC to obtain board approval PRIOR to replacing or modifying decks, windows, doors, storm doors, awnings, lights, garage doors or patios.

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](mailto:keith@amcassociation.com)

## Committee Reports

**Architecture:** There have been a lot of requests for deck rebuilding and deck remodeling. A lot of them are due to the inspection by Maryland Heights. Just a reminder if you are planning on a deck project, check out the [AutumnLakesSTL.com](http://AutumnLakesSTL.com) website for more information about who to contact with the city to help with your planning. The process has changed and can be seen on the website. Most of the window projects were approved months ago.

**Landscaping:** The board has put a pause on treating the Ash trees this year to help offset unexpected budget expenses. The Ash trees do seem to be doing well with the previous treatments. The Ash trees are dropping leaves this year due to a fungus (Anthracnose) that is not harmful to the trees. Cool and wet spring weather promotes **fungal** growth and causes leaf and shoot **blight**. But this should not harm the trees in the long term.

## Trustee Reports

**Board Elections:** There were two candidates for the trustee elections: Laura Farkas and Jennifer Morgan. Ballots were mailed to unit and home owners in early May with self-addressed stamped envelopes to return ballots. Ballots were counted by AMC staff members. Laura Farkas won the three-year term, Jennifer Morgan won the two-year term. There was one write-in candidate with one vote.

### Officers for 2021 – 2022:

President – Shah Smith  
Vice President – Laura Farkas  
Secretary – Jennifer Morgan  
Trustee – Dick Ornberg  
Trustee – Jay Black

**Illegal or Suspicious Activities:** Have a noise complaint after 11 pm, dog off leash, dog waste not being picked up, or speeding? Or have you seen illegal or suspicious activity? Please note, residents should contact the Maryland Heights police for concerns about noise complaints, illegal or suspicious activities or other legal problems. If the police file a report for the offense, let the AMC office know.

The Board can't address legal offenses directly, so you first need to immediately contact the police so that they can investigate and issue a report. After the second police report with merit, notify the board and a fine can be issued by the HOA. Fines will be assessed whenever there is a police report with merit after the first one.

**Fred Weber Blasting:** Maryland Heights held a meeting with homeowners about the blasting and the transfer of operations to a new company May 20 at 7 pm at City Hall.

**Girl Scout Service Project:** A local Girl Scout troop is doing a service project in the neighborhood on May 26, 2021 to mark the storm drains to remind residents not to dump things down the drains.

**AT&T Fiber Optic Cable:** You may notice some utility markings in the Autumn Lakes neighborhood. AT&T plans to install fiber optic cable for high-speed streaming (AT&T TV) and internet. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in June. This is an optional service from AT&T and is not required for residents. For more information, please feel free to contact AT&T or Dick Ornberg.

**Concrete Patio Update:** Shah Smith updated the residents about the group rate for concrete patio work.

*Chuck's Concrete* is moving slowly through the list of those who wanted to be a part of the group package, contacting residents with a quote when they have time to do the work. Please contact Shah if you have any questions.

**Pool Opening** – The good news is that the pool will open on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Residents will have full use of the swimming pool and the children's pool. The pool will be open from 9 am until 10 pm daily. If you have a pool key from prior years it should work if you turned in a 2021 Owners Information form and are current on your HOA fees. If you need a pool key, please contact AMC during business hours.

Those who have not had a COVID-19 vaccine will be asked to wear a mask and use social distancing guidelines. AMC will

provide sanitizing cleaner for those who want to wipe down pool furniture before use, or residents can bring their own furniture.

**Club House** – The Club House will be open for rental reservations starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a small sanitizing fee that will be added to the contract. Renters will still need to be responsible for cleaning up the space when their events are completed. Club house capacity is 70 people. Renters will be responsible for maintaining a list of attendees and contacting attendees if there is a COVID-19 exposure event. The clubhouse will only be rented to Autumn Lakes owners who must be present for the pre- and post- inspections and for the entire event.

**2021 Owner Information Form:** The 2021 Owner Information form was mailed out with the ballots in May. Residents were asked to return the form to the AMC office by May 19<sup>th</sup>. **Failure to return the form can result in a delay in your pool access card being activated for summer 2021 season.** Forms need to be completed in full and will not be accepted at the pool.

**Next Door App:** Just a reminder that the Next Door App is a great tool to hear about what's going on around us, but is not the official communication of AMC or the Board. Please contact the AMC office if you have repairs that need to be made or concerns. Of if you have questions about Autumn Lakes, you can check out the neighborhood website at <http://www.autumnlakesstl.com/>

**Dog Issues:** We have recently received a number of complaints about dog owners not picking up after their pets. Owners should have a bag with them when walking their pets and are required by City ordinance to pick up promptly after their pet. If you see a dog owner not following the rules, please take a picture and send it to Laura Farkas. Failure to do so can result in penalties from the City and the HOA.



**Outdoor Recreation Items:** Toys, lawn furniture and outdoor recreation items need to be picked up from the common ground areas when not in use. These items are a hazard to the lawn mowers and will damage the grass.

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### *Residents Questions & Comments*

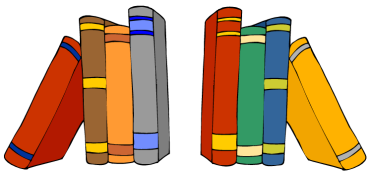
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**Q:** A resident expressed concern about the traffic that *Ryze Adventure Park* will create in the area.

**A:** Unfortunately this is out of Autumn Lakes and Maryland Height's control. However, if there are concerns about traffic, please contact the city of Maryland Heights.

**Q:** A resident asked if they were required to contact the Architecture Committee for the installation of storm doors?

**A:** Yes, residents are required to contact AMC and the Board for approval for exterior work such as storm doors, patios, decks, etc.



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Does anyone have a 6 ft tall, 3-4 ft wide bookcase they would like to contribute to Autumn Lakes? We are thinking we'll use it for a free library to be located in the clubhouse. More info to come.

Contact Laura at [lfarkas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lfarkas@sbcglobal.net) if you have a bookcase for us.

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## Maryland Heights City Wide GARAGE SALE

**Maryland Heights is planning a citywide garage sale on September 25th — 7 am – 1 pm.**

- ◆ Clean out your closets, basement and turn your trash into someone else's treasure during the City Wide Sale. Host your sale from home and be included on the official City Wide Sale map or reserve a space at the Community Center.
- ◆ **Home Garage Sale: \$10** and includes balloons to mark your house and listing on the official City Wide Sale map.
- ◆ **Community Center Spot: \$25** and includes two parking spaces in the north lot of the Community Center. Multiple spots can be reserved. You must provide your own tables, tents and chairs.
- ◆ Fill out an online application: <https://marylandheightscom.rja.revize.com/forms/2058>

**CALLING FOR  
SOCIAL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!**

**We have the go-ahead to plan  
Autumn Lakes social activities!**

**Call Christine Melton at 314-560-5705  
to help get the fun started.**



**The Pink Flamingoes  
are coming out!**

After a year of being flocked together, they are ready to show themselves at your driveway.

If you'd like to host a party at your driveway, contact Christine Melton.

She'll help you get the birds and the sign put up.

It's time to get back outside!!!  
YAY!



**The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting and election is scheduled for 7/21/21 at 7 pm.**



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