



# Autumn Lakes Gazette

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### NOVEMBER 14, 2018 MEETING

**Introductions:** Shah Smith opened the meeting and introduced the Board members Laura Farkas, Jay Black, and Dick Ornberg, and Keith McCracken and Rob Adelson of AMC Management. Jen Morgan was absent. Norm Rhea did not attend.

#### Management Report by Keith McCracken:

Autumn Lakes Association as of 9/30/18 was \$881 over budget on income YTD and \$2,284 under budget on expenses. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 9/30/18 was \$14,974 over budget on income and

\$43,962 under budget on expenses. This is primarily because of the snow removal budget so far this year.

Rob and Dave have been busy addressing work requests, removing squirrels and raccoons from attics, evicting birds, planting grass and removing the lake fountains for the winter. Please do not feed the wildlife as it creates nuisance situations.

The fall leaf clean-up is delayed due to early snowfall and leaves still on the trees. The leaf clean-up will be scheduled as weather allows.

The four retaining wall replacements, scheduled from last year's walk-through, have been completed. The remaining old fence near the upper lot that encloses the pool has been replaced this fall. The new fence matches the fence that was replaced on the lower parking lot side. The railing on the upper clubhouse deck was also replaced. New lights were installed on the fence.

The basketball and tennis courts have been resurfaced and restriped. We are purchasing portable pickleball nets for the tennis court. The tennis court will now be a dual purpose court. It can be setup for two pickleball courts or one tennis court. Pickleball is a paddle sport for two or four players using solid paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. AMC is looking into a cabinet that will store the equipment in the fenced area.

Residents are required to obtain Board approval for deck, window, and door replacements or modifications as well any other exterior architectural changes. All necessary city permits are required to make sure that the project meets building codes.

Remember trash cans/totes are to be stored in your garage and not outside the building or on driveways.

Please call 314.291-1450 if you have a work request, question or concerns or email

[keith@amcassociation.com](mailto:keith@amcassociation.com)

## Board Reports:

### Meeting with the Mayor:

Shah Smith reported on the Maryland Heights trustees meeting with Mayor Mike Moeller. Mike updated the group with upcoming changes.

- The bridge over Lindbergh Blvd at Dorsett Rd will be under construction from Memorial Day until Labor Day.
- There are a lot of problems with deer eating plants, etc, in Maryland Heights. Maryland Heights plans to do a study of the number of deer in the area as there has not been a study in many years. Manchester has 40 deer per square mile. The Marine and Rule areas have big deer problems.

## Committee Reports:

### Architectural Committee:

Dick Ornberg wants to remind everyone that getting Board approval isn't scary – the trustees are here to help. The committee can walk the resident through the process and give a reminder about getting permits to make sure that the resident gets a quality construction. Building codes from the original construction are no longer adequate.

# “LIGHT UP AUTUMN LAKES” OUTDOOR DECORATION CONTEST

Sponsored by your AL Social Committee and Board of Trustees

## TO ENTER:

Send an email to [office@amcassociation.com](mailto:office@amcassociation.com)

Judging will take place on:

**Sunday, December 9th—have your lights on by 5:30 pm!**

**Prizes will be awarded on Friday, December 14th**

**First Prize:** Honey Baked Ham gift card, (Other prizes to be awarded as well)



**Winners will be announced on the Autumn Lakes website: [autumnlakesstl.com](http://autumnlakesstl.com)**



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN AUTUMN LAKES

**Friday, December 14, 2018**

If you like singing Christmas carols like *Jingle Bells*, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* and more, then join your Autumn Lakes' neighbors on the evening of Friday, December 14th. We will sing and have a good time caroling in our own neighborhood.

For those who want to go with us but not sing, you can lip sync the songs. We will also be collecting donations for the St Louis Christmas Carol Association that evening. And, Santa Claus is coming along, too!

*There will be a "post-caroling party" at the clubhouse.*

**Informal rehearsal: Sunday, December 9 at 7 pm:** Glenn Mueller's home, 11954 Autumn Lakes Drive.

Please call Glenn if you plan to join us: **(314) 640-8527**

**To have carolers stop by your house on Friday, Dec 14th, email Glenn at [gjmfam@swbell.net](mailto:gjmfam@swbell.net), or call (314) 640-8527.**

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*Residents Questions & Comments*

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**Q:** What is the plan for the outdoor walkway of the clubhouse that currently has the rubberized flooring?  
**A:** The repairs were done already. The rubberized flooring is really roofing for the lower level of the clubhouse. This is how it will stay.

**Common Ground Suggestions:**

The Board would like to have suggestions on how to improve the use of the common ground. We are always going to take into consideration what will serve or maybe just appeal to the most people. Once we have a list, the board will review it and ask for resident input on which items to implement. Of course we can't do everything for reasons of cost, practicality or even city laws, but there may be some simple things that we can do right away or some things we might want to consider in the future. All ideas are welcome, but try to make them as specific as possible. Please drop off suggestions at the AMC Management Office, the clubhouse or Shah Smith's house at 3134 Autumn Trace Drive.

**What is Pickleball?**

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net.

The tennis court requires a "key" to enter. This may be obtained from the AMC Office by calling Greg.

Pickleball anyone? (Maybe we'll wait 'til spring).



When neighbors start talking,  
good things happen.

**Next Door App:** Just a reminder that the NextDoor App is a great tool to hear about what's going on around us, but is not an official communication tool for AMC or the Board. It can be used to advertise garage sales, sell items, recommend contractors or restaurants, share information, etc. You must be invited to join by someone that is already participating. If you are not already signed up, contact Laura Farkas and she'll get you going.

*Social Committee - We'd love to have you!*

We could sure use your help to bring new ideas together for events at Autumn Lakes!  
Contact Christine Melton at:(314) 560-5705 or meltonchristine17@gmail.com

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\* Our Condolences to the family of \*  
\* Bob Schroeder. He and Carol are \*  
\* long-time Autumn Lakes residents. \*  
\* Bob will be missed. \*  
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*Thank you, Pat!*

A big THANK YOU goes to Pat Albers of Autumn Trace Drive, who for YEARS, has labeled and stamped our Gazettes. We appreciate your consistently cheerful volunteerism and dedication to our neighborhood!

**CLUBHOUSE RENTAL—Lynn Dornfeld, AL Manager**

Don't forget that the Clubhouse can be rented for special events by unit owners. The Clubhouse is available for resident rental for gatherings during the week and the weekends for graduation parties, baby showers, bridal showers and more. For more information, please contact AMC office.

## Speaking of TRASH.....

- 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 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.

Allow 3 feet between the big totes and anything else so the trucks can mechanically pick them up.

## RECYCLING GUIDE

### YES:

Cardboard - Junk Mail - Newspapers  
Beverage Cans - Food Boxes - Food Cans  
Glass Jars & Bottles - Milk/Juice Cartons  
Plastic jugs, Bottles & Containers  
*Empty all containers and replace caps*

### NOT THESE:

Plastic bags, any kind  
Coat hangers—Scrap Metal—Pots/Pans  
Soiled foil - Heavily soiled food containers  
Juice Pouches - Foil packs  
Paper Plates - Plastic utensils  
Electronics—Batteries  
#6 Plastics (ex. Styrofoam)

**The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting will be held on 1/16/2019 at 7 pm.  
Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.**

**“LIGHT UP AUTUMN LAKES”  
OUTDOOR DECORATION CONTEST  
Judging on December 9th  
(Seed details inside )**



**LET'S GO CAROLING  
Friday, December 14, 2018**