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September 16, 2015 MEETING

Laura Farkas opened the meeting and introduced the Board members, Keith McCracken and Rob Adelson of AMC Management.

Laura reintroduced Shah Smith who has agreed to finish Jay's term ending May 2016. Shah as served several terms as a trustee (2005-2009, 2012-2014). We appreciate having her serve on the board again.

Association Management Report by Keith McCracken

Autumn Lakes Association as of 8/31/15 is \$997 better than budget on income for the year and \$4,024 under budget on expenses.

Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 8/31/15 is \$686 under budget on income YTD. The Condo Association is \$17,946 under budget on expenses mostly due to snow removal savings.

The maintenance crew has been busy trimming trees, repairing mailboxes, filling sinkholes, treating the lakes and removing critters from under porches and many other duties. The large sinkhole behind 3030 Autumn Lakes Court was filled in and graded by our maintenance crew which saved the Association \$1,680.

We have a swampy situation in the common ground behind 3173 - 3183 Autumn Trace Drive. The builder designed this area for drainage with storm sewers throughout the field. The excessive rains this year and some sump pump discharges have kept a large area around the storm sewer very wet. We are consulting with Crowder Construction, a company that specializes in drainage issues, for a viable solution.

There was an erosion issue in front of 3183 Autumn Trace Drive which undermined the street near the storm sewer. MSD and the City of Maryland Heights have repaired the issue.

The upper entry porch at the Clubhouse has been repaired by Construction Repair. The vinyl covering was removed, several sections of plywood were replaced and a new vinyl cover was installed. This problem was causing water leaks into the storage area near the pool room.

The Pool was closed September 21st.

The following units have **retaining walls** that are being replaced this year:

- ◆ 12010 Autumn Lakes Drive ◆ 3198 Autumn Trace Drive
- ◆ 3152 Autumn Shores Drive ◆ 3190 Autumn Trace Drive
- ◆ 3006 Autumn Lakes Court (front wall to be repaired)
- ◆ 3063 Autumn Shores Drive (was due to be completed September 23rd)
- ◆ 3146 Autumn Trace Drive (small wall at driveway completed)

The second and final **shrub trimming** is scheduled for **October**.

The first fall leaf clean-up will be the week of October 26. Single family houses may put the leaves at the street curb for pick up on Monday, October 26.

Residents considering any improvements to their units are required to obtain all necessary permits from Maryland Heights. This assures that the work will comply with all building codes. All exterior improvements or structural improvements or changes including windows and doors, landscaping, decks, awnings or lighting, **must also be approved by the Board prior to any work being done.** Written approval is required before proceeding.

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

Shah Smith—Jay Black Appreciation



On behalf of the AL Board and residents, Jay Black was presented with a plaque indicating our appreciation for his long and dedicated service as an AL Board member. Jay took a moment to say how much he enjoyed serving over the last 30+ years. He received a warm round of applause.

Thank You, Jay!

Andrea Crouch's Report:

Andrea reviewed the procedures for renting the clubhouse. Residents should call the AMC office to request a date. Our clubhouse manager, Lynn Dornfeld will then contact the renter for a time to go over the details of the clubhouse rental.

Richard Ornberg

The Mayor's meeting was held on August 11th, which was attended by 11 other trustees from Maryland Heights. There is new business coming in to the Westport area, and the Maryland Heights Community Center is anticipated to open Fall 2016.

Richard asked about the possibilities of a sound wall being built by Hwy 270 that meets the Autumn Lakes property. He was told that sound walls are only placed near actual lanes for driving. Autumn Lakes and Maryland Heights have pursued this numerous times over the years.

The AL architecture committee approved its first awning request for a condo on Autumn Trace Drive.

Laura Farkas:

The Neighborhood Garage Sale took place on Saturday, October 3rd. Residents who participated said the traffic was good and most were happy with their results.

Laura reminded us that Maryland Heights refunds municipal taxes paid on utilities for senior and disabled residents. Seniors must be age 62 on or before Nov 1, 2015 and retired. Take your utility bills (water, gas, electric, and one telephone—home or cellular) for the period beginning Nov. 1, 2014-Oct 31, 2015. **Rebates will be processed from 9-Noon and 2-4 on November 5,9,11,13,19 & 23.** No appointment is necessary on these dates and times. Call (314) 738-2599 if you have further questions about the rebates.

Social Committee Report by Christine Melton

The **July 16th Ice Cream Social** turned out to be a lovely day. Oberweis Home Delivery sponsored the event with Mango/Pomegranate sorbet and ice cream. We heard from several residents that they would like to have Chocolate and Vanilla next year! We hear you, and we will!

It was a beautiful day for the **AUTUMN FEST on September 26th**. Residents enjoyed burgers, brats and hot dogs grilled by Stan Banko. Thanks Stan for slaving over that hot barbecue pit! Residents brought a delicious variety of side dishes and desserts. There were games to play, face painting, DJ music and chalk drawings on the pool deck! It was fun for the whole family! Be sure to join us for the next event. You will always meet someone new!

The **Beer Tasting** for October has been postponed until spring. We may all be at our TVs rooting for our Cardinals during that time!

The **October 6th Block Party at Autumn Trace Court** brought many residents out. Neighbors from all over Autumn Lakes joined in the fun. The Maryland Heights police, fire truck, ambulance and K9 all made a visit. Even Mayor Mike Moeller came to meet everyone!



The City of Maryland Heights helps create the yearly Block Party event by scheduling visits to your street, printing flyers for you to deliver and furnishing goodies. They even gave us some Maryland Heights Tee Shirts to give away.

Make one happen on your street next October!

It was a lot of fun! If you meet one new person from the neighborhood, it's a success!

Questions from Residents

- Residents had a discussion about the awning rules. A suggestion was made that there be an informational meeting scheduled with the Architectural committee and interested residents to go over guidelines and learn about options and share ideas.
- A resident with French doors asked about Awning rule #2 which states full deck coverage is required. He explained that as decks are different sizes, full coverage for his deck (14x17) would obstruct the view of his neighbors. The resident recommended that the awning rules be modified to state the awning should meet the desired needs with minimal impact. The Architectural committee agreed to discuss this.
- The RV lot needs to be re-stripped since it was re-sealed. It is important to determine where to park the vehicles.
- It was also requested that the RV lot fence be moved back approximately 20 feet to accommodate some of the larger trailers, boats, etc. as space is getting tight. The board will discuss this request.
- Feral cats have been seen in the neighborhood. A resident asked about using the AL live traps, so they can be caught and given homes or to no-kill shelters. Laura Farkas approved borrowing the AL traps to be used by the concerned resident.
- Appreciation for the clubhouse window shades was expressed. It was also requested that the broken TV be taken down. It was noted by a resident that Best Buy recycles TV's free of charge.
- A request was made that the pool be made non-smoking.
- It was asked by several residents when tree stumps around the neighborhood would be removed. Keith said these will be completed this year.

Anyone for a Paint & Sip party?

This is the "paint 'n' sip" phenomenon, whereby friends & neighbors, come together to paint, drink and relax. No painting experience necessary. Supplies are included.

Fun and laughter provided.

If interested, message or call Christine.

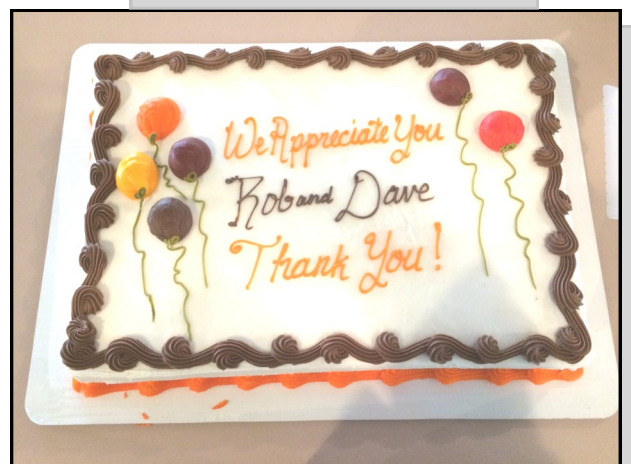
Let's see what fun we can create!

We welcome residents to join our AL Social efforts, help build a stronger community, and share some new ideas. Call Christine at (314) 560-5705.

The **Appreciation Party for Rob & Dave** on **October 2nd** was a terrific turn-out of happy residents. Rob and Dave were very pleased with the number of people who came to shake their hands, offer their thanks and tokens of appreciation, and enjoy some cake with them.

The AL Social Committee gave each of them a water resistant, fleece lined, hooded nylon jacket. We've got to keep these guys warm!

Thank You!



A trashy subject

Yard Waste Pick up is on Monday morning.

Autumn Lakes Trash and Recycle Pick-up is on TUESDAY morning.

If Monday is a national holiday, pick-up will be on WEDNESDAY 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. Thanks for keeping our neighborhood looking neat.

PLUS

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



ATTENTION SENIORS!

Maryland Heights Utility Rebate time is coming up in November!

Read the details inside!

NOTE:

**Association Management EMAIL ADDRESS:
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Please allow 1-2 weeks for a non-emergency work order to be completed. Residents might be contacted to explain that the work order will be done later because it is work normally done with others of the same type.

The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting will be held on 11/18/15 at 7 pm.

ALL Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.



Be a good neighbor!

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