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Thank you!

Butch & Sandy Rhomberg (ATD) are the residents and AL Social Committee members who grocery shop for all our AL events (and even rush back with the hot Fried Chicken). They always lend their helping hands to make our AL events so special.

The AL Social Committee team are your "behind the scenes" advisors, creators and all-around terrific planners.

We thank them for efforts in making it all happen!

Maryland Heights Utility Tax Rebate processing dates:

**9 am to Noon, and 2-4 pm on
 November 1,2,3,7,8,9 and 11.**

No appointment is necessary on these dates and times. Details in Shah's report (inside).

A trashy subject



- 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 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.

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**The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting will be held on 11/16/16 at 7 pm.
 All Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.**



September 21, 2016 MEETING

GUEST AND BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

Shah Smith opened the meeting with introductions of Board Members; Keith McCracken/AMC Management, Rob Adelson/AMC Management, Norm Rhea, Maryland Heights Councilman, James Krischke, City Administrator, and Gabrielle Macaluso, Communications Manager for the City of Maryland Heights.

Shah also thanked Andrea Crouch for her service as Trustee. Andrea has decided to step down from the Board at this time. Jennifer Morgan will be filling the rest of Andrea's term ending May 2017.

City Administrator Report:

James Krischke provided residents an overview of the proposals that the city has requested to develop an 1,800-acre area in the Maryland Heights "Lake District". The proposed area is located between I-70 and Route 364/Page Avenue Extension. The land is privately held, protected by a 500+ year levee and the owners in that area want to sell. Creve Coeur airport, also in this area, is looking to expand in the future.

The city is looking at various possible uses of the land including mixed uses of retail, entertainment, office, hospitality, residential, industrial and outdoor recreation. The city does not wish to duplicate and compete with what has been done in other areas of St Louis. At least 30% of the development will include green/open space and managing storm water is also a concern. While any development is several years away, the city is researching possibilities and planning infrastructure improvements. The city does not want to rush into the planning process so that they can drive development of the area versus a developer driving the project.

A resident inquired as to what was going on with the police department. James Krischke answered that the city is currently doing an assessment of the police department and will be doing the same with all other city departments this year. As far as the police department itself, there were some internal issues that were concerning and needed to be looked into. The Chief and Deputy Chief were taken off duty for a time period. The Chief is now back, although the Deputy Chief was still out. The number of staff for the police department will not be changing, just some policies and procedures.

Association Management Report by Keith McCracken

Association Management Report by Keith McCracken: Autumn Lakes Association as of 8/31/16 was \$1,466 over budget on assessment income YTD and \$7,968 under budget on expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 8/31/16 was \$12,014 over budget on income YTD and \$22,000 under budget on expenses YTD. This was primarily due to a good

winter with less snow removal needed.

Seven retaining walls were contracted for replacement this year:

- ♦ 12109 ALD ♦ 3122 ATD ♦ 3100 ATD (side)
- ♦ 3100 - 3110 ATD (rear, will be removed and graded)
 - ♦ 11911 ATC ♦ 3152 ASD ♦ 11930 ALD

Buildings painted this year were:

- ♦ 12000 – 12008 ALD ♦ 3190 – 3198 ATD
 - ♦ 3187 – 3193 ATD
- ♦ 3150 – 3158 ATD ♦ 3173 – 3183 ATD
 - ♦ 12020 – 12034 ATD
- ♦ 12010 – 12018 ALD ♦ 3138 – 3148 ATD
 - ♦ 3174 – 3184 ATD

12 sidewalks, 1 porch and 4 concrete driveways were contracted for full or partial replacement. All have been completed. 8 asphalt driveways were replaced, 14 asphalt driveways were patched. 2 large asphalt lots were replaced including the driveways for 4 buildings. All of these were rated by their condition, during our 2015 fall walk-through.

The lower lake fountain was repaired and upgraded to a 5 horsepower motor. A large concrete storm sewer grate enclosure in the street on Autumn Trace Court was replaced.

The next shrub trimming should be during the first weeks of October.

Fall leaf clean-ups are scheduled for the week of October 24 and the week of November 21. These are subject to change depending on the weather and rate of leaf fall. The 18 single family houses can put their leaves at the curb for pick-up during the property leaf clean-ups.

A very large white oak tree, approximately 200 years old, near the middle lake, died and had to be removed.

In response to a question asked about plans to seal Autumn Trace Court, Keith replied that the problem with sealing the court is the Association would have to close the street. This will be discussed with the Board.

Please remember to contact AMC Management if you are planning any landscape changes, windows, storm doors, awnings, garage doors, decks or any alterations to the exterior of your unit. AMC will notify the Board and a Board member will contact you. Board approval is required prior to starting the work and all necessary County and City permits must be obtained.

Residents are required to obtain an approval letter from the Management office prior to having a satellite dish installed. The letter instructs the installer where the dish may be installed. Dish companies are well aware that they must have this letter prior to installing at condo complexes.

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

Board Reports

Shah Smith encouraged residents to check out the Maryland Heights Utility Refund in November. Maryland Heights refunds municipal taxes paid on utilities for senior and disabled residents. Seniors must be at least age 62 on or before Nov. 1, 2016 and retired. Residents with a disability must have an annual income less than \$12,000 excluding Social Security Disability income or other disability payments. There are no income requirements for seniors age 62 and over.

Eligible residents should bring proof of age for the senior category or a Social Security award letter for the disability category. Please bring in utility bills (water, gas, electric, and one telephone-home or cellular) for the period beginning Nov. 1, 2015-Oct. 31, 2016. See the city of Maryland Heights newsletter for more details.

Laura Farkas

Laura shared a Maryland Heights event coming up:

October 29—City of Maryland Heights **Electronic Recycling** from 9-1 at the MH Government Center.

If anyone is interested in working with her to survey and assess the street lights, please contact her.

Richard Ornberg

Mayoral Meeting: Richard spoke briefly about the recent Maryland Heights Mayor's meeting where a large portion of the meeting covered the proposals for the Lake District. As a result, Richard invited James and Norm to speak about the development information.

Richard also asked residents to watch for people partying around our storm drains. We're finding bottles in the lake which are coming through the storm drains when it rains. If you see people partying near the drains or throwing bottles in the drains CALL THE POLICE. Then contact a trustee. Do not confront the people yourself.

Landscaping Committee:

Jay Black gave residents an update on the Ash Tree study. The committee has talked to 3 tree services and Steve Schenck, MH Public Works manager, about the Autumn Lakes ash trees and possible treatment to prevent damage from the emerald ash borers. MH has already removed the ash trees in Pheasant Run. If AL decides to treat some of the ash trees, we need to identify them before MH is ready to cut down the ash trees. MH has agreed to work with us to preserve some of our trees.

The committee will meet with the Board to present a treatment plan. This plan will be used by the Board in the 2017 budget discussions. The Board needs to communicate the

decision to the single family homeowners to make sure they are aware of the problem and have information to make a decision on how to handle any ash trees they may have.

Social Committee Report by Christine Melton

It was a very busy summer at Autumn Lakes!

❖ The **August 7th Picnic at the Pool** was a great hit with residents and families. It was a great day for swimming and sharing the bounty of summer in unique dishes brought by everyone. The fried chicken was great!



❖ **Saturday, September 24th and October 1st** We had **TWO Garage Sale Saturdays** this year!

❖ **Saturday, October 1st was a lovely day for AutumnFest** Spunky Beans entertained us with face painting and very creative balloons. AMC Management provided the Pappy's pulled pork Stan Banko BBQ'd brats and hotdogs and the hospitality team put together a great event! Thanks to our AL Social Committee: Sandy & Butch Rhomberg, Laura Farkas, Stacy Diefenbach, Sandy Wacker, Sandra Morello, Mary Lucas, Jan Baalman, Barbara Robinson, Patricia Law, Emily Sayle and Christine Melton. They were tireless in the set-up and made all the big (and little details) look effortless. We appreciate all the other helping hands (residents, board members, kids) in making the day special.



❖ **Tuesday, October 4th—Maryland Heights Night Out**

Neighbors came to Autumn Trace Court for the **THIRD Annual Maryland Heights Night Out**. We had visits from Mayor Mike Moeller, Police Chief Bill Carson, Fire Department personnel, EMTs, MH police officers, MO Representative Mary Nichols and our MH City Council members. It was a busy night!

❖ **Beer Tasting for November was cancelled.** Local micro brewers would prefer we come to them. So, if you are interested in getting a group together to attend a tasting at a micro-brewery, call Christine and help her set it up.

Still Seeing Pink Flamingoes?

As of the printing of this edition there were 10 **PINK FLAMINGO** parties this summer! When you saw a flock of pink flamingos at the AL Bulletin board that meant there was a party going on that night in someone's driveway! Residents brought chairs, a drink and munchies and joined the fun. We were amazed at who we met!

The flamingoes were passed from one to another and the event got posted on Nextdoor.com.



IT WAS OPEN TO ALL AL RESIDENTS!!! All our AL activities build a stronger community with neighbors visiting and getting to know one another.

Let's keep it going! *And, it's fun!!!*

What can we think of for the winter months?? *Reindeer Fridays?*

Christmas Caroling

A group is gathering to carol in the neighborhood in December. If you play an instrument, sing or just want to have fun—we want you! Call Jay Black or Christine Melton to help!

Did you know that *Carols* used to be written and sung during all four seasons, but only the tradition of singing them at *Christmas* has really survived.

OPEN DISCUSSION FOR RESIDENTS

- ♦ A commendation to the guys was given for all their work around Autumn Lakes. Great job, Rob & Dave!
- ♦ A resident raised concern about the weed killer used to kill ground cover around her condo. Not only did it kill the weeds, but it also killed her plants. Keith said this was done by the lawn service and he will contact them to rectify the situation.
- ♦ A resident was concerned about the plastic pieces left behind by the group distributing the phone books. Because this is a third party unknown to the association, there is little to be done about the situation.



