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September 19, 2018 Meeting

Introductions: Dick Ornberg opened the meeting and introduced the Board members, Keith McCracken and Rob Adelson of AMC Management and Norm Rhea, Maryland Heights Councilman.

Management Report by Keith McCracken:

Autumn Lakes Association as of 8/31/18 was \$715 over budget on income YTD and \$4,549 under budget on

expenses. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 8/31/18 was \$1,735 over budget on income and \$44,459 under budget on expenses. This is primarily because of the snow removal budget so far this year.

Rob and Dave have been very busy addressing work requests, removing squirrels and raccoons from attics, evicting birds, planting trees, shrubs and grass, repairing the lake fountains and repairing the dam between the upper and middle lakes. Please do not feed the wildlife as it creates nuisance situations.

The second shrub trimming was done by Cut-Rate the last week of September.

Painting has been completed on the 9 buildings scheduled for painting this year. However, there are several areas over some of the decks that remain to be painted after the unit owners make necessary repairs to their decks (for safety reasons). Our painters will not go onto a deck if it is deemed to have safety issues. Lag bolts are required to attach decks to the buildings.

Nine entry sidewalks identified on the Board's fall walk-through were replaced. Nine asphalt driveways were to be replaced this summer, four of which are double drives. All nine were identified on our fall walk-through. Four retaining wall replacements are currently in progress.

The remaining old fence near the upper lot that encloses the pool is scheduled to be replaced this fall. The new fence will match the fence that was installed on the lower parking lot side.

Please note: Residents are required to obtain Board approval for deck, windows, 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.

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

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

keith@amcassociation.com

Board Reports:

Parking Changes: The Maryland Heights Traffic Committee met with some of the Board members to visually observe the areas the Association would like to see changed. The city has already posted signs in some of the areas recommended.

Street Lights: The Board has asked Maryland Heights to install additional street lights. Because of the expense, we may not receive all the lights that we've requested. The city has asked the Board to prioritize the ten lights the Board suggested and will be sending engineers to take a look at the recommendations and will determine which street lights are feasible.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Committee: Dick Ornberg has seen some activity on past approvals which is very exciting. Units are being improved and upgraded and that's a good thing. Dick wants to remind everyone that getting Board approval isn't scary – we're 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.

Question: Once a project is completed, can we just throw the permit away?

Answer: It's always good practice to keep a copy just in case something happens with the copies that the city maintains. The city does keep copies of permits. The board will also be reviewing the architectural guidelines over the next few months. If you have questions about what is and is not allowed, please contact AMC or a member of the Architectural Committee.

Landscaping Committee: Jay Black referred the reporting to Rob Adelson who explained an interesting experiment they are trying with the lakes. The guys are using barley bales to help control algae which, when it breaks down, creates tannic acids and hydrogen peroxide – both beneficial to the lakes. So far the experiment is working well.

There is a sidewalk across the street from the clubhouse which is collapsing. Years ago there was a water main break and erosion from large rainfalls which has contributed to the washout under the street and that area. Maryland Heights repaired the street, but the sidewalk is now collapsing. AMC has put a caution cone out and contacted the city to repair the sidewalk.

Social Committee:

Christine Melton spoke about the Social events:

Autumn Fest was held on September 22nd from 4-8.

AMC provided the pulled pork from Bandana's. Residents brought a dish to share. Spunky Beans entertained us all with amazing balloon art. Please note that food is usually served at 5 pm. This does **not** mean that the buffet will be open for 3 hours. First come, first served.

Garage Sale:

It was a beautiful day for the Autumn Lakes neighborhood garage sale on September 29. Some participants said it was one of the best years for the number of people and sales.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON DECEMBER 14TH

See the enclosed flyer for the details.

“LIGHT UP AUTUMN LAKES” OUTDOOR DECORATION CONTEST

Sponsored by your AL Social Committee and the Board of Trustees. Brighten the neighborhood this season with outside decorations! To enter the contest, send an email to Greg at AMC: office@amcassociation.com. You'll get on the list for judging on December 10th. Prizes will be awarded the night of caroling—December 14.

City Councilman Report: Norm Rhea provided information about some of the upcoming things in Maryland Heights highlighted in the Maryland Heights newsletter.

Norm announced that **Jim Carver**, our Ward 4 councilman has received a promotion to *Economic Development Director for the City of Maryland Heights*. He has the enthusiasm, knowledge and rapport with many to keep improving Maryland Heights. Congratulations Jim!

Maryland Heights has a new Animal Control Officer that is shared with Bridgeton. He can write citations and address issues. To ask for help, please call the Police Department non-emergency number 314-298-8700 and they will contact the Animal Control Officer.

A new Andy's Frozen Custard is being constructed near Schnucks on Dorsett Road.

Maryland Heights City just approved a residential ordinance that NO PARKING will be allowed on grass. Those who park on the grass will be ticketed. Autumn Lakes is included in this ordinance.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Maryland Heights Beautification Award recipients in Autumn Lakes:

“Elegant Use of Small Spaces” Award:

- Glenn & Mary Mueller, 11954 Autumn Lakes Drive
- Janine Kossieck, 11924 Autumn Lakes Drive

Certificate of Merit for her creative “Fairy Garden”:

- Ahlvia Ball, daughter of Craig & Beth Ball, 102 Autumn Shores Court.

Thanks to all who put in your hard work!

Residents Questions & Comments

Q: Could we install a walking trail around the lake?

A: It is something that can be looked at. However MSD controls the lakes so it might not happen.

Common Ground Suggestions: Jay spoke about the Board’s request for resident input on the Common Ground. 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.

Q: Does anyone know what the shudder in the neighborhood is every day at 4 pm?

A: It’s the blasting coming from the nearby quarry which is timed at 4 pm each day.

Q: A resident commended the Board for their services and time. He also thanked Rob and Dave for their superb job around the neighborhood. He was very pleased with the services of the lawn company. He asked about what the regulations were for extended parking. He observed a corporate pickup truck parking near his unit for an extended time.

A: Typically 2 weeks is the limit for a vehicle to be parked in one location without moving. AMC will follow up about the truck.

Q: A resident is looking for recommendations for deck work.

A: Please call Dick Ornberg or AMC for vendor suggestions.

Q: Another resident has shrubs on the lower level in the back of his condo. Are those trimmed by the Association?

A: If the shrubs are in the back, they were planted by the previous owner and it is the responsibility of the current owner to trim the bushes.

Q: What if a homeowner cuts their grass and blows the grass into the street?

A: Homeowners are not supposed to do that. If you notice this occurring, please contact AMC to address the issue.

Comment: Thank you for replacing the fountain.

Q: Has the tennis court been resurfaced?

A: No, it has been cleaned off. The Board is reviewing future plans for the tennis court at this time.

NOTE: As of the time of this printing, the basketball and tennis courts were being resurfaced. The tennis court will also be striped for pickleball.

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL—Lynn Dornfeld, AL Clubhouse Inspector

Don’t forget that the Clubhouse can be rented for special events by homeowners. 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.

FIND THE MAGIC PHRASE IN THIS EDITION. If you call it in to Greg at AMC, you’ll get a SCRATCH OFF.

Clue: What’s the new treatment the guys are experimenting with to control the algae in the lakes?



LET'S GO CAROLING
Friday, December 14, 2018
and
“LIGHT UP AUTUMN LAKES”
OUTDOOR DECORATION CONTEST
Judging on December 10th
(See iflyer for details)

Speaking of TRASH.....

- Yard Waste Pick-up is on **MONDAY** morning.
- 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 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 11/14/18 at 7 pm.
Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.



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: Monday, December 9 at 7 pm
at 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 Dec 14th
email Glenn at gjmfam@swbell.net, or call **(314) 640-8527**.

"LIGHT UP AUTUMN LAKES" OUTDOOR DECORATION CONTEST



TO ENTER:

Send an email to office@amcassociation.com

Judging will take place on:

December 10th—have your lights on by 5:30 pm!

Prizes will be awarded on

Friday, December 14th

First Prize: Honey Baked Ham
(Other prizes to be awarded as well)

Winners will be announced on the Autumn Lakes website: autumnlakesstl.com