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Autumn Lakes Meeting

9/16/2020

Association Meeting – Due to COVID-19, the normal September 2020 Autumn Lakes Association Meeting was canceled. The Trustees and Keith McCracken met via tele-conference for the executive session.

A virtual Association Meeting will be set up to include residents for the November 18th meeting. The link for the meeting, to be held on Zoom, will be on the Association website at AutumnLakesSTL.com the day of the meeting. If a resident has a question but is not able to attend the Zoom meeting, they can submit a question before-hand to a Board member to be included in the meeting.

Management Report by Keith McCracken: Autumn Lakes Association as of 8/31/2020 was \$1,308 under budget on income YTD and \$2,605 under budget on expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 8/31/20 was \$18,351 over budget on income YTD and \$18,339 over budget on expenses YTD.

Rob and Dave have been busy trimming trees, landscaping, maintaining the lakes and completing work orders. Summer is winding down, the pool has been closed for the season. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff that made the pool season possible this year!



Four buildings are being painted this year:

3187 – 3193 Autumn Trace Drive

11916-11924 Autumn Lakes Drive and

11900 -11910 Autumn Lakes Drive have been completed.

101 – 104 Autumn Shores Court will be done in October.

Unit owners are required to maintain their decks in good repair. If your deck is deemed unsafe the painter will not get on it to paint and you will be notified by AMC that the deck must be brought to comply with the safety code.

Please verify that your deck has proper flashing to prevent water intrusion where the deck is attached to the building. Owners are responsible for decks and flashing of decks. Damage costs resulting from decks without proper flashing will be assessed back to the unit. Contact Dick Ornberg if you need assistance with checking the flashing.

We have a list for replacing several concrete walkways and several of the remaining timber tie walls. Unit owners will be notified if their unit is affected.

Rob and Dave have attached labels with the first and last units' (and the middle unit of the larger buildings) addresses on the back of each building. This will assist first responders and service personnel working on the back of the buildings.

We had Crowder Construction complete a grading and drainage project at 12090 Autumn Lakes Drive to remedy a rain water draining issue.

We recently replaced one parking lot at 3150- 3168 Autumn Trace Drive which included 10 driveways. The asphalt company was returning September 23rd to replace two driveway aprons and another lot at 3187-3193 Autumn Trace Drive and their 4 driveways.

The following retaining walls were approved to be completed this year:

12151 Autumn Lakes Drive	12014 Autumn Lakes Drive (along front drive)	
3111 Autumn Shores Drive	12114 Autumn Lakes Drive	12155 Autumn Lakes Drive

The second shrub trimming was started the week of September 18th. The first fall leaf clean-up is scheduled for the week of October 26th. The second fall clean-up is scheduled for the week of November 23rd.

A reminder to all residents, Autumn Lakes rules as well as City Ordinance require all dogs to be on a leash and under control when outdoors. They also require pet owners to pick up and dispose of pet waste. Please comply with these rules/ordinances in order to foster a pleasant environment for residence. Please be a good neighbor and do not let your pet enter a unit's landscaped area, stick to the grass areas.

Check with the City of Maryland Heights to be sure your contractor has required permits for any work done on your unit. Obtain Board approval prior to replacing or modifying decks, windows, patios, retaining walls or landscaping. Do not plant trees without Board approval. The Association vs. Homeowner's responsibility list can be found at Autumn-LakesSTL.com.

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. Campers, boats, etc. cannot be parked on the street, lots or driveways.

As always, please call 314-291-1450 if you have a work request, questions or concerns. Or email Keith at keith@amcassociation.com If Keith is not available, the staff at AMC are happy to enter work orders if there is an issue with a unit.

Board Reports

Political, Advertisement & Vendor Signage: Just a reminder to all residents that yard signs, such as election signs, school signs, advertisements and vendor signs, are not permitted in Autumn Lakes.

Pool Report: This season went relatively well with the COVID-19 restrictions set in place. There were a few complaints about the restrictions about bringing guests. But in most cases, we were able to accommodate our residents' usage of the pool and meet the St Louis County standards. We're thankful to all the pool monitors for taking shifts to make sure that we could keep the pool open throughout the summer.

Group Rate for Patios. Many of our back patios have begun showing major cracks, pulling away from the building/ steps, sinking or even needing total replacements. The patios are the responsibility of the homeowner. **If a homeowner needs help in making a determination, or wants to be included in the joint estimate, contact Shah Smith by text 314-960-6620 or email ShahSmithSTL@gmail.com by October 11, 2020.**

Garage Sale: With beautiful weather on Sept 19th, the garage sale was a big success with much traffic. Thanks to all the residents who participated.

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 concerns or repairs that need to be made. If you have questions about Autumn Lakes, you can check out the neighborhood website at <http://www.AutumnLakesSTL.com/>



Utility Tax Rebates:

In November Maryland Heights refunds municipal utility taxes to senior residents and residents with a disability. To qualify, seniors must be at least 62 years old on or before November 1, 2020 and be retired. For residents with a disability, their annual income must be less than \$10,000 excluding Social Security or other payments received because of the disability. Eligible senior residents should bring proof of age. Eligible disabled residents should bring their Social Security award letter.

Qualifying residents should bring all their utility bills (water, gas, electric and phone) dated November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020. Due to COVID-19, rebate processing will be different from years past.

You will need to pre-register for your appointment by visiting <https://signup.com/go/ghvBToT> or by calling (314) 738-2599.

They will not accept walk-ins.

Dates for the rebate sessions are:

November 3, 5, 9, 10, 13, 17, 19, 20, 23 and 30.

Parental Reminder: Jay mentioned the need for parents to remind their children not to ride bikes into driveways and bump garage doors. The tires leave black marks on the garage doors which could require painting.

Committee Reports

Architecture Committee:

Dick explained that there have been several decks that have been approved and are in the process of getting completed – they’ve been looking good. Just a reminder, residents are required to submit plans to the Architectural Committee for approval. What the committee does is to make sure that the proposed deck matches the aesthetics of the neighborhood to maintain the appeal of our properties. Railings made of composite material or painted aluminum are upgrades now being allowed. Maryland Heights also requires permits for safety and building integrity.

Don’t be afraid to call members of the Architectural Committee, the Board or Maryland Heights with questions. They are there to help!

Landscaping Committee: Just a reminder, please do not dump paint, antifreeze or other chemicals down the storm drains in the neighborhood. Those storm drains actually lead to our lakes and will cause environmental damage to our neighborhood. Please do not introduce any new fish into the lake environment. AMC stocks the lake with fish appropriate for the size of our lakes.

Jay is working with a local Girl Scout troop to apply signage reminders to our storm drains in collaboration with MSD Clean Water Education and the Missouri Botanical Gardens. New signage will be applied by the girls sometime later this fall.

Social Committee: The Association is planning to host our annual Autumn Lakes holiday decorating contest. Judging will take place in early December, with the dates to be announced at the November meeting. Awards will be given for both front and rear yard decorations.

“LIGHT UP AUTUMN LAKES” OUTDOOR DECORATION CONTEST



Please text Shah Smith at 314-960-6620 if you want your home included in the judging.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN AUTUMN LAKES

Last year Santa rode with the Autumn Lakes carolers on the “float”. Didn’t see/hear them? Even with it being so cold that night, they made the rounds bringing joy to the neighborhood.

Would you like to join the fun? Contact Christine Melton, meltonchristine17@gmail.com or 314-560-5705.



Where'd the flamingoes go?

Well, they went back to roost for the fall/winter. The Board decided it was best for residents to do their own gatherings.



Thanks to all who made getting our new Autumn Lakes sign designed, manufactured and installed. It takes a village to maintain our beautiful neighborhood. It really looks nice!

The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting is scheduled for 11/18/2020 at 7 pm.

*There are SO MANY
beautiful reasons to be happy.
Just pick ONE today
and SMILE.*

