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Association Meeting

March 20 2019

Introductions: Shah Smith opened the meeting and introduced the Board members, Keith McCracken and Rob Adelson of AMC Management. Norm Rhea and Steve Borgmann, Maryland Heights Councilmen, and Jim Carver, Economic Development Manager for Maryland Heights, were also introduced.

Management Report by Keith McCracken:

Autumn Lakes Association as of 2/28/19 was \$134 over budget on income YTD and \$1763 under budget on expenses YTD. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 2/28/19 was \$1,828 under budget in income YTD and \$408 over budget on expenses YTD.

Rob and Dave have been very busy addressing work requests, cleaning gutters, applying pre-emergent fertilizer to our lawns and preparing for spring. Squirrels, birds and raccoons continue to be a problem in our attics, please do not feed the wildlife as it creates a nuisance situation.

The spring leaf clean-up is underway and should be completed by March 27. Mulch was done in 2018 and will not be done in 2019. We are on a two year cycle for mulch.

We have had severe winds come through the area over the past couple of weeks blowing tree limbs down throughout the property and causing roof damage on several buildings. Rob and Dave have been cleaning up the limbs and *Pride-master* made necessary roof repairs.

We are currently reviewing the painting schedule for 2019; 12 buildings are being considered.

We are due for asphalt sealing of driveways and parking lots this year. Notice letters will go out with the dates and schedule. Units that were identified as needing driveway repairs and replacements will be notified. The Board and Keith identified these driveways on our fall walk-through.

The Basketball and Tennis Court have been resurfaced, restriped and we have purchased portable pickleball nets for the tennis court which are stored in the new storage container in the court enclosure. The tennis court now has a dual purpose court. It can be set up for two pickleball courts or one tennis court. New signs are being installed indicating Residents Only, No Trespassing, and Courts Close at Sunset. Access to the tennis court is by key only. To use the courts, please contact the AMC office to get a personal key. There is a \$5 deposit for the key.

Residents are required to obtain Board approval for decks, windows, door replacements or modifications, as well as any other exterior architectural changes. All necessary city permits are required.

Residents are encouraged to know where the water shut-offs are in their unit and that they function properly. In the event of a water emergency, knowing where and how to shut off the water flow quickly is very important and can save thousands of dollars in damage to your unit and the neighboring units. Every unit should have functional water shut-

offs for the entire unit and for the toilets, sinks, water heaters, etc. **If you don't know where your shut-off is, the right time to find out is now—before you need it!** Dick Ornberg is also willing to help residents locate the water shut-offs. If anyone needs water shut-off identification tags, contact Shah Smith.

Please call 314.291-1450 if you have a work request, question or concerns or email keith@amcassociation.com

Board Reports:

Political Signs – As we come closer to election season, the Association would like to remind everyone that political signs are not allowed on common ground. Condo owners, because the land surrounding the buildings is considered common ground, cannot place signs outside their condos. Placing signs in windows or storms doors, or on vehicles is acceptable. Due to a change in Missouri Law, house owners can place political signs on their own property. No vender signs are allowed in Autumn Lakes (see sign policy).

Roofing Questions – Please remember, for the condos, the Association takes care of the roofing needs of the buildings. You may see vendors come into the neighborhood after strong storms offering free roofing assessments. Please refer them to the AMC office.

Pool Card – Pool access cards will be available at the May Association Meeting or anytime at the AMC office. Pool access cards are available to residents, 2 per unit, for a \$10 deposit each. Residents who are current with their Association fees may use the pool. Those residents who have pool access cards from last year and are current with their fees, will be able to use those same cards for 2019.

Committee Openings – Want to help make Autumn Lakes a great place to live? Think about joining one of our committees: Architectural, Landscaping, and Social. You don't have to have any special expertise, just an interest in helping us maintain this great neighborhood. Please contact Dick Ornberg (Architectural), Jay Black (Landscaping) and Christine Melton (Social) if you are interested in participating.

Board Elections: Shah Smith explained that there will be two Association Board positions up for election during the May meeting. Those positions are currently held by Jay Black and Jennifer Morgan. If you'd like to know more about what the board responsibilities are, please feel free to contact any of the board members or look at the FAQs on the autumnlakesstl.com website. You must be a unit or home owner in good standing to run for a trustee position. **If you are interested in running in the upcoming election for trustees, please contact the AMC office for the Candidate Information application by Friday, April 5th. The application form is due no later than April 12th.** Ballots will be mailed about April 30th.

Spring Garage Sale – The neighborhood-wide Spring Garage Sale will be held on Saturday May 18th. The Association will put out signs and advertisements for this sale.

Seismic Update/Quarry Blasting – Early this year, residents reported feeling higher seismic activity as part of the quarry blasting; Jay Black continues to do research on this each time this happens. He is currently working with Waste Connection (formerly Fred Weber), and the City to see what can be done. The Quarry owners installed a seismograph to study the magnitude of the current blasting. Once monitoring is concluded, and the results are in, Jay plans a meeting with Maryland Heights, the quarry and the AL Board to talk about the issue. Bridgeton is also affected and is working through their own channels.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Committee:

Dick explained that the entry sign on the north side of the entrance was partially blown down by winds. Rob and Dave have made a temporary repair. The Board is looking to replace the signs with next year's budget. A new logo has also been designed to reflect our pride in our neighborhood. It will be unveiled at the May meeting.

Landscaping Committee:

Emerald Ash Borer Tree Treatments : We are due to treat the trees again this year for the emerald ash borer. Treatment is done every other year. Jay will be working with the landscaping committee and Gamma Tree Service to survey the trees and identify which trees need to be treated. So far the trees that have been treated have been doing well.

Social Committee:

• **Sunday, April 28, 1-3 pm—Autumn Lakes Ladies Luncheon**

The committee is planning a delightful light lunch and dessert for the Ladies of Autumn Lakes to meet and greet the other women in the neighborhood. You should receive a personal invitation (by phone), and you will need to RSVP.

If you would like to join the committee putting this on, they'd love to have you. Call Christine Melton (314-560-5705).

- **Sunday, June 23 – Picnic at the Pool**

Always a great time for family and new friends. Yes, we'll have Fried Chicken, along with resident provided side dishes and desserts. Good eating and great fun!

- **Sunday, October 6 – Autumn Fest**

We have moved this event to a Sunday instead of a Saturday. Details to come in future newsletters.

It takes a village put together the AL Events. So we could use your hands to make the load on the committee lighter; and, at the same time create more opportunities for people to meet/greet.

Please contact Christine Melton at 314-560-5705 if you can participate in some way. We'd love to have you.

Economic Development Manager:

Jim Carver spoke to the residents present at the meeting about upcoming development opportunities in Maryland Heights. Jim used to be one of our Ward 4 city councilmen. These new businesses will add to our tax revenue to support services. (Maryland Heights residents do not pay personal property tax.)

- The Ice Arena is scheduled to open Sept 1.
- The city is expecting to do several site visits with new businesses interested in Maryland Heights to increase entertainment and business opportunities.
- The city is also considering a new housing development .
- The city is continually looking for quality projects rather than quantity.

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

- City will be holding quarterly meetings about the City/County Merger.
- Currently In Planning and Zoning:
 - Tri-Star Logistic center is planning new development
 - KGB is also looking at a new development near 141
 - Outdoor Oasis – on Addie Road is looking at development where the Acme Brick building
 - National Health Care is enlarging their facility on Fee Fee road

Projects In Progress:

- Construction has started at the old 711 site
- Everest Bar – Going in at West Port
- Robata's of Japan is coming to West Port
- World Wide Technologies is starting new projects
- McBride Homes is finishing up their new home build at Page/270.

Open Discussion:

Q: A resident asked for follow up about getting her front door painted. Her door was replaced in Jan 2018 and it still hasn't been painted.

A: AMC will follow up with the painter and make sure that they complete the job when the resident is available.

Q: Two residents asked that their driveways be evaluated again for replacement.

Pickleball league anyone??

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. Paddles and equipment will be available from the AMC office (unless, of course, you have your own!) Contact Dick Ornberg at 817-357-2633 if you are interested in playing.

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 on 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.

Autumn Lakes Ladies Luncheon

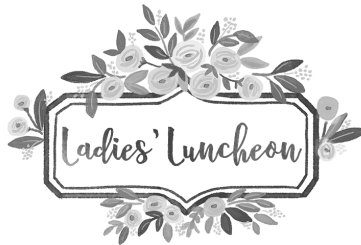
Sunday, April 28th, 2019 1 to 3 pm.

**Open to all the Ladies of Autumn Lakes.
A light lunch and dessert is being provided
by the Ladies Luncheon Committee.**

**To RSVP, call Christine Melton (314) 560-5705
or email her at
meltonchristine17@gmail.com**

**We look forward to connecting as many
Autumn Lakes ladies as possible.
Talk it up with your neighbors.
It will be a lovely day
to say hello to someone new.**

**The next Autumn Lakes Association meeting and election will be held on 5/15/2019 at 7 pm.
Autumn Lakes RESIDENTS are encouraged to attend.**



Autumn Lakes Ladies!
Mark your calendars for
Sunday, April 28th, 2019.