COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V NEWSLETTER

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January Sparkling winter sunshine, Faces all aglow Making resolutions, And angels in the snow ~ Steaming cups of cocoa, A year that's fresh and new ... All of this is magic -Unfolding just for you.



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Colonial Acres Phase V Minutes

12-9-2020 Virtual Meeting

- The Zoom meeting began at 1:03 pm. In attendance were Bill Charles.
- George Birchmeier, Cindy Christianson, Katy Kay, Susie Brock, Stacy
- Klaback and Jim Reuschlein. The Pledge of Allegiance could not be done.

1. A motion to approve last month's minutes was made by George and seconded by Katy. All approved the motion.

2. A motion to approve the Financial Report, given by Jim, was made by Katy. Cindy seconded the motion. All approved the motion.

3. Jim gave the management report. Susie made a motion to approve and was seconded by George. All approved the motion.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a) Bill is working on the 2021 Board Meeting calendar. Yes, it will have evening meetings. NOTE! There will not be an in person Board meeting or Clubhouse meeting in the month of January.

b) Reopening the Clubhouse will be discussed in January.

c) The re-keying of the 2 bathrooms, 1 kitchen door and 1 pass through door has been completed. Your keys will not work. There will be 4 new master keys.

d) The new master keys will be signed out. The master keys will be given to Bill, John, Clearview and Clubhouse chairperson. These keys cannot be duplicated.

e) The Tax Tribunal did not go in our favor. We are being taxed at the appropriate level. **No** relief coming.

- 5. NEW BUSINESS

- o a) South Lyon will be issuing a water increase. Details to follow.
- b) A new computer will be purchased for the entry system & amp; Clubhouse signage. Jim and Bill will handle it.
- c) Comcast has access to our property for site consideration. Suggestions for how to spend the Sign Up fee are flat screen TV, new sound system, automated
- bath fixtures, pool upkeep and outdoor games for the Clubhouse. There will be a \$5.00 increase in the sump pump discount.
- d) Each unit will be give 1 new Clubhouse entry card. The card will have a hole punch to enable it to be put on a key chain. The start-up process is targeted for December 18.
- e) Susie made a motion that an additional entry card can be purchased for a \$5.00 fee and a lost entry card will have a \$25.00 fee. Cindy seconded the motion. All approved the motion.
- \circ f) A bench is ordered to be placed by the 11 Mile entrance.

- 6. MEMBER ISSUES

- a) 11-1 Williamsburg asphalt will be re-evaluated next June.
- b) 91-1 The vinyl siding will be finished in 2022.
- c) Thank you Phillip Garlow for donating a printer for the Clubhouse.
- Bill closed the meeting at 2:15 pm
- Minutes submitted by Susie Brock



FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

- Happy New Year! Here we are in 2021 with hope that this year will be much better than what we went through in 2020. The fight is not over yet. A vaccine is being distributed and I hope all that can get it take it to protect yourselves and others.
- Your board will be discussing a phased opening of the clubhouse depending on State and local rules. The clubhouse team has put into place equipment to sanitize the clubhouse after use. We will be publishing guidelines for clubhouse users when we do open.
- There is a new entry system installed at the clubhouse. Your old keys no longer will function. Each member will be issued an entry card. This card will open the main entry door and will log who enters at what time. This system allows for increased security of our clubhouse. We will notify members through this newsletter or other means on how to obtain your new clubhouse entry card. This card will work like a hotel room key card.
- The board has approved other improvements to the clubhouse for this spring. The large deck will be replaced using composite material to be maintenance free. Also, additional lighting will be installed in the parking lot. The old carriage lights along the pond will be removed. After the new lights are installed, we will be putting in an electronic message sign at the entrance to the clubhouse drive. This will replace the old sign currently in use.
- As you have read, we have approved a contract with Comcast to provide fiber optic cable in our community. Comcast will replace WOW as the internet and cable service provider in our community. Comcast will be starting installation of the new fiber optic cable this month or next.
- I hope you all had a great holiday season and wish nothing but the best for you and your family in 2021.

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COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V OPERATING STATEMENT ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30.

In case you haven't made your New Year's resolutions yet:

I DON'T CALL THEM NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

I PREFER THE TERM: CASUAL PROMISES TO MYSELF THAT I AM UNDER NO LEGAL OBLIGATION TO FULFILL



"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start in ten minutes."

- 1. Get in **shape**
- 2. Stop procrastinating
- 3. Meet **new** people
- 4. Become more **active**
- 5. Reduce **stress**
- 6. Watch **less** TV
- 7. **Read** more
- 8. Volunteer
- 9. Adopt a cute pet
- 10. Become more **organized**
- 11. Reinvent yourself
- 12. Be More Grateful
- 13. Spend More Time In Nature
- 14. Enjoy the Little Things

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Unit #6

ACTV	62178 Ticonderoga
ABO	25832 Lexington Dr
PEND	25888 Lexington Dr
PEND	25105 Hamilton Ct
PEND	25182 Jefferson Ct



Mary Ketelhut Realtor



New Neighbors

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83-1 Barb Hobbs	-
140-1 Sherry Wojcik	
57-2 Joe & JoAnne Muzzi	
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Judy Keeling would like to thank everyone for her opportunity to serve our community as a member of the Board of Directors & Chair of the Clubhouse.

We thank you Judy for all you have done, and continue to do, for Colonial Acres. See you in the Gardens!!!

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For most of this year, we've been negotiating the peculiar–some would say bizarre COVID-19 pandemic. It began with six-foot social distancing, graduated quickly to sheltering in place, then to a push to "flatten the curve," and from there to a full-blown lockdown that dramatically altered our everyday lives. Along the way, we've observed the impact of widespread coronavirus testing and watched the numbers go up and down, all the while dealing with the ever-changing edicts on face coverings. So much of what we've faced this year is the product of the unknowns accompanying this virus, and all of us have been trying to understand what's happening, why it's happening, and where the tunnel ends. It's stressful!

Those of you who live with pets have been able to mitigate, alleviate at least, some of the stress by turning to your pets. They're part of the family, after all, and the need to care for them gives you a point of focus that at times can distract –in a good way–from what's happening in the outside world. This distraction helps lessen some of the anxieties, especially for housebound seniors and folks who live alone.

Pets can be a source of comfort as we live through the consequences of a pandemic. These comforts can take the form of companionship, a motivator to get you out of the house on those early morning walks (when you'd be inclined to just sit), or even a partner in conversation—yes, most people regularly carry on a dialog with their pets. If you don't have a pet think about adopting!



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A note from Gloria:

So many of you have pets & they are such a comfort, especially during covid times. I just adopted a cat this Fall so I wouldn't have to face such a long, lonely winter isolated alone inside. It makes such a difference to have another beating heart nearby. Autumn, my new furry friend, has added such joy to my life, except when I'm trying to get a newsletter written and she's laying across the keyboard!

I thought it might be fun to feature a pet a month in the coming newsletters. If anyone is interested, please email me a picture of your pet & tell a story about him/her. I will pick one pet to feature each month.

As fun as pets are, remember to follow our pet rules so all can enjoy our beautiful surroundings! **See Below**

Friendly reminder about Pet rules:

There have been quite a few complaints about pet courtesy among neighbors. Pet owners have signed a statement agreeing to abide by all rules & regulations regarding pets. Please do not leave **barking dogs** outside, pets should be on a leash at all times held by their owner. No pets are to run free in any of the common areas. No pet is to be tied up outside! All feces must be picked up and disposed of in your personal trash. Not only are these the rules agreed upon by pet owners it is just common courtesy to everyone who lives here.

Refer to page 21 of Rules & Regulations to update yourself on all pet rules. Violators of any of those rules will result in a fine. See assessment of Fines located on page 7 of Rules & Regulations.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS:

CLUBHOUSE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021. JAN CH Closed, FEB 4, MAR 4 APR 1, MAY 6, JUN 3 JUL 1, AUG 5, SEP 2 OCT 7, NOV 4, DEC 2 ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT NOON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH! BE PART OF THE FUN. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! SUSIE BROCK



My apologies for the sudden cancellation of the December Clubhouse meeting. Due to circumstances beyond my control, the meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute. The Clubhouse remains closed in January so there will be no Clubhouse meeting in January. We need volunteers to come forward and help. We need an active community! Thank you and Happy New Year – Susie Brock



Wanted: Pool Manager for Colonial Acres Phase V

In-order to open the pool this summer we will need a Pool Manager or two to dedicate their time to maintaining the pool water, opening & closing, & maintaining pool records on a daily basis. Give this consideration, it is a paid position. We need someone to start early Spring so you're able to take Oakland County's classes in April. You will learn all rules & regulations on how to maintain a public pool & how to report to Oakland County on a weekly basis.

It works best if there are two people to share the duties so each won't have to be available everyday, and they're able to take vacations. Whoever takes this position will have plenty of help from prior Pool Managers. This is a great way to meet new people & get involved in the community. Please get in touch with the Clubhouse Chair Person, Susie Brock, to find out more info and/or apply for this position!

It's been a tough year not having all our fun activities in our beautiful clubhouse. It will be several months into the new year before we can get back to a more normal schdule. Please be patient as we need to keep everyone safe. Soon this newsletter can go back to normal and have the pages filled with what's either going on at the clubhouse or what has happened!

Starting a New Year

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Admit it: We're more than ready for a New Year. Now's the time to make a few changes. As I say goodbye to 2020 and welcome 2021, I've been thinking about a lot of things, including soap. Yup, the stuff I pour out of a plastic bottle to take a shower. I've been purchasing and using body wash in plastic bottles for a long time. I've been thinking about how many consumable goods I buy in plastic bottles which end up in the recycling stream. And I've been thinking about one of the easiest ways to make a change this year, by purchasing that good old tried-and-true way to wash up: a simple bar of soap. No more plastic bottles to buy. No more plastic bottles to recycle.

If you are into numbers, think about these facts: In the U.S., about 250 million people use and dispose of about 1.4 billion bottles of body wash in disposable bottles per year, according to Reduce-plastic-waste.com. This site encourages you to ditch body wash and use bar soap instead as it has no plastic packaging and is biodegradable. This site also explains that most body washes as made of synthetic detergents derived from petroleum or plant sources. Wait a minute! Body wash isn't made of soap? It's made from petroleum? Who knew? The best way to reduce plastic waste is to avoid buying plastic. So, this year, I'm going to start buying bars of soap instead of body wash or shower gel in plastic bottles. It's one way I can reduce the plastic I buy. It also reduces the amount of synthetic detergents I bring into my home. Another purchasing change I made a few years ago is cat litter. Instead of buying it in large plastic containers, I select cat litter in packaged in cardboard boxes.

According to the Resource, Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC), shopping with intention means to shop with the notion in mind that you are casting a vote, saying "I approve" of how that item was manufactured, packaged, marketed, disposal options, etc. They suggest purchasing items that are made with recycled content, can be recycled, and packaged with the least amount of materials. They also suggest shopping local, shop secondhand when possible, and buy brands that fit your environmental standards. The EPA describes waste reduction as "using less material to get a job done." Waste reduction and prevention methods help create less waste in the first place – before recycling. One of the easiest was to reduce waste is by cutting back in what you consume daily, including energy, water and solid waste. They suggest these guidelines:

- 1. Buy durable products instead of those that are disposable or cheaply made.
- 2. Repair/restore used items before replacing them.
- 3. Buy items you can re-use, such as margarine tubs to freeze foods or pack lunches.
- 4. Buy items you can recycle locally through curbside collection or recycling centers.
- 5. Avoid excess packaging when choosing product brands.
- 6.

So, as you welcome 2021, and as we all hope, leave COVID behind, use your purchasing power to make a better choice.

Happy New Year!

SOARING BIRDS

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January is National Bald Eagle Watch Month

To see a bald eagle soaring in slow circles in the sky, wings stretched to almost 8 feet across, or to watch it dive for prey at speeds of nearly 100 mph, is to witness something magical. Ancient Romans carried battle gear emblazoned with eagles and in some Native American cultures, bald eagles are believed to be messengers between gods and humans. American's founding fathers adopted the eagle, a bird of "supreme power & authority", as the symbol for a fledging country.

Eagles are known as soaring birds, they can maintain flight without wing flapping by using rising air currents. The bald eagle is actually a sea eagle that commonly is seen inland along rivers and large lakes. The adult male is about 36 inches long and has a wingspan of 6.6 feet. Females, which grow somewhat larger than males, may reach 43 inches in length and have a wingspan of 8 feet. Both sexes are dark brown, with a white head and tail. The bird is not actually bald; its name derives from the appearance of its white-feathered head.

During January, National Bald Eagle Watching month, you can spot these glorious birds all across the U.S. On the upper Mississippi river, as many as 2,500 bald eagles spend the winter feeding on fish below damns and open waters. In late January & early February the birds began courting & nesting. Bald Eagles mate for life & remain in the same area.

There is a pair of bald eagles on Kent Lake; you can take a ride on the Island Queen at Kensington Park in the summer & see their nest & may be lucky enough to see them soaring above the pontoon. Summer of 2019 a group from Colonial Acres spent time on Kent Lake & saw the baby offspring flying above the nest. What a beautiful site. The immature birds are brown with whitish tail and wing linings, but the pure white head and tail plumage do not appear until the birds are four to five years old. Hopefully this coming summer we'll plan another group trip to Kensington to take in all the wildlife around the lake.

In November 2020 a man, while walking his dog, came across an injured juvenile bald eagle lying on the ground near the Flint River. He notified the Howell Nature Center, known for rehabilitating bald eagles, and they transported the eagle to their site in Howell. The bird was dehydrated, thin, & both wings were injured. She was identified as a female due to her large size, estimated to be approximately 1.5 years old, due to the coloring of her feathers. She would not have survived if not found. She is now in a warm safe place at HNC. After she heals from her injuries she'll get more space outside to start exercising to build up her strength & stamina. It's unsure how the eagle was injured but definitely NOT hunted or hit by a car, due to the remote area she was found.

HNC is one of few facilities in MI able to rehabilitate bald eagles. It's not sure yet if she'll be able to be released back into the wild. The HNC is a great place to visit with your grandchildren and maybe you'll even see the bald eagle!



GETTING TO THE OTHER SIDE

How to safely cross a busy street

Pontiac Trail is full of traffic lights and is busy with traffic all day long, especially in the mid to late afternoon. Here are a few tips to be aware of how to cross this street safely as a pedestrian.

- 1. You should only cross a road at designated crosswalks, many of which have pedestrian crossing signals. These signals are set to ensure that a person walking at normal speed will have enough time to get across.
- 2. Start crossing ONLY when the "Walk" signal is lit. The flashing "Don't Walk" will probably start flashing before you reach the other side but you will have ample time to cross to the other side before it stops flashing.
- Cross traffic will not have a green light until the crosswalk signal has changed from a flashing "Don't Walk" to a constant "Don't Walk".
- 4. You may notice most crosswalk signals have symbols (a hand & a person walking) instead of the words. This is due to adopting a universal language of symbols allowing anyone to quickly understand the important message.

STAY SAFE

If you're anxious to get out of the house for an evening Northville has unveiled its Heat in the

Street experience to help restaurants and shops survive the winter months during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The Northville Downtown Development Authority has teamed up with local business & Manfred Schon to build heated stands and pods throughout the streets. They've already started popping up and should remain up through early March. This is something the Germans have been doing for years, enjoying the outdoors all year long. Schon, who is from Germany, said he wanted to help his fellow Northville businesses get through the winter months with outdoor dining & shopping experiences like he experienced back home.

"He grew up with these outdoor markets and structures which took a different approach to winter, which is just embracing it instead of keeping it out," Lori Ward, director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, said. "He kind of pitched this idea to me of celebrating winter and the outdoors."

Ward says Schon's data business has done very well in 2020 and being a member of the community, he wanted to give back and support surrounding businesses. "He's been doing all the fundraising on his own and has raised \$100,000 so far," Ward added. "He just wanted to support his business and residential neighbors and believed this was so important for the community."

There are two types of structures. Restaurants will use food stands to serve some of their dishes, & there will be heated dining pods where visitors can stay warm while enjoying the food. Each heated pod will have high-top tables with room for four to six people.

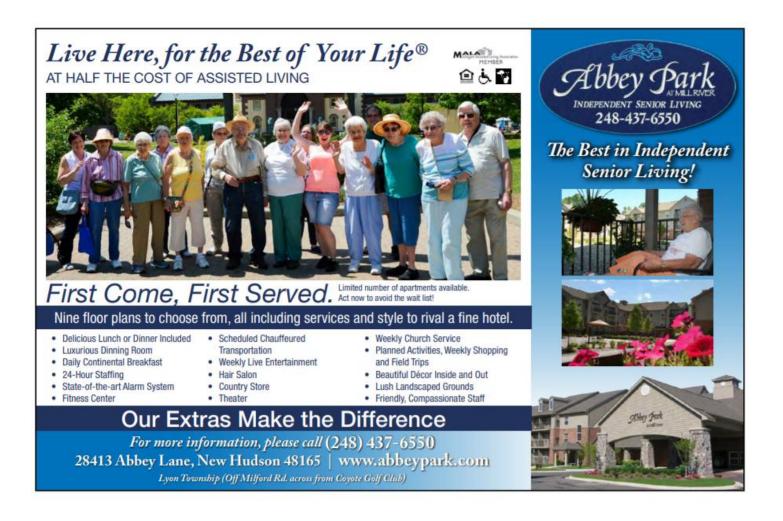
Ward says the stands and pods located throughout downtown will be on top of outdoor areas many of the restaurants are already planning outside of their businesses for the winter months.

"Almost all of our downtown restaurants are converting their outdoor dining areas into some kind of covered structure, so they'll be expanding the footprint of their own buildings while we give kind of an area that's open to the public for anybody to use."

"Heat in the Street" dining pods will be open daily from noon - 10 p.m. The vendor stands will be open from noon - 10 p.m. on weekends, Fridays through Sundays.

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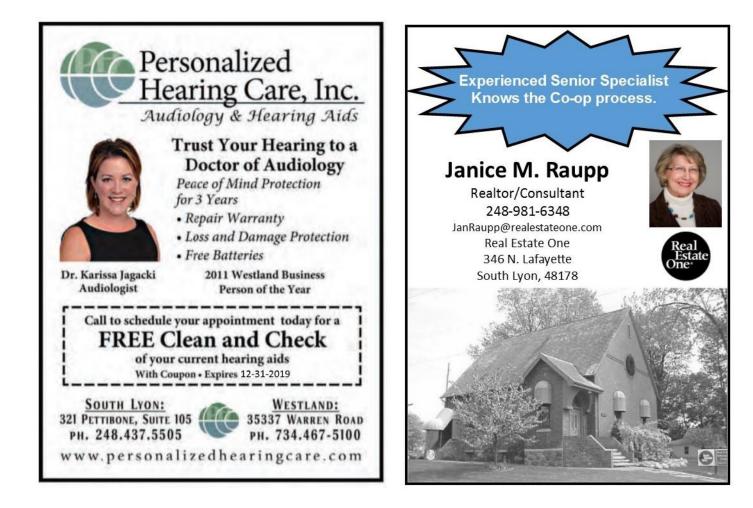
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