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**Newsletter deadline to submit items is
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How are you doing? No, really, how are you doing? Just OK? Great? Down in the Dumps? I talk to both of my sons more often now than before. My eldest, at 36, corrected me recently when I mentioned life in the “new normal.” He told me, “It’s the ‘now normal’ mom, because we only know what normal is now. We don’t know what the next normal will be.”

He’s probably right. In our “now normal” world, Bill has been our dedicated shopper, wearing his mask, cautiously going to the grocery store every two weeks. I’ve been carefully managing our food supply and am growing some seeds for planting soon. We order many staples and other supplies online now. Oh, and I’m painting. My one can of semi-gloss white paint has freshened up just about all the painted molding around the house. We read to our grandkids daily and walk every day except in bad weather. I have a Happy Hour Zoom video conference call every Thursday with girlfriends. Additionally, I try to call someone different each day just to catch up.

So, how are you doing?

I posed this, and a few other questions, to some residents here at Phase V, and was pleased to hear positive comments. Neighbor **Mike Giordano** says he and his wife Jayne are taking this “very seriously.” Mike told me they see their two sons and four grandkids once a week. “We stay 15 feet apart. They stay outside the courtyard, and we are inside. We visit for about 10-15 minutes. It’s very helpful to see them.” Mike says they go to the store, wearing masks and gloves, about every 10 days. If the parking lot is crowded, they’ll shop another time. “I get antsy, of course. It’s nice to wave to friends and neighbors and have somewhat of a conversation, small talk, with people. Once things open up, we are not in a hurry to go out.”

Dot Saunders told me she feels very fortunate. “I have five children and they are very protective; they don’t want me shopping at all. They shop for me. The church (St. Joe’s) has called twice, and that has been nice to see if I need anything. I’m one of the fortunate ones. I miss seeing my friends. It’s very hard. I had five friends over, and we sat six feet apart in my patio, and we finally got to visit. It was a delight. It’s a long day if you go all day without getting a phone call.” I think everyone knows that Dot loves to bake; she’s been sharing her cookies and muffins with neighbors by leaving packages of goodies for them.

Life is pretty good, according to **Judi Dampousse**. “Because I walk so much, and I ride my bike, it hasn’t changed for me. I’m not frustrated by any of this. One thing I don’t do is start my day with the news on. I do listen to the governor. It will be a different summer.” Judi states that she goes out and gets whatever she or anyone else needs. “I have a mask, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes. I take the items to my back porch and take my stuff that goes in the fridge and wipe with soap and water. Otherwise, everything stays on the back porch. I go to Costco, Walmart, Busch’s, and also help out my neighbors. I do sympathize with the younger people who need to work, and the fear they have.”

Judi adds her sister and her husband live just across the street, so every morning they take their first walk with the dogs, with social distancing, and walk a second time in the afternoon. She sees family once a week and “follows the rules” while hiking with them at places like Huron Meadows Metropark and Peach Mountain near Dexter. She’s also golfed at Rackham golf course in Detroit. “We follow all the rules, and everybody keeps their distance.” She wears her mask while riding her bike. “I’m not afraid to do something if a family member wants to do something. We drive separately. People have the time now to sit on the phone and visit, I can’t tell you how many reconnects I’ve had.” Judi buys masks at Parkside Cleaners and sends them to friends. She’s completed a paint-by-number, a puzzle, and emptied out her kitchen cupboards, cleaned them and rearranged everything. Next is the basement, “another thankless job,” adding, “my husband has been gone for 23 years, so I’m pretty resourceful.”

“Everyone is so friendly. I’m encountering such a nicer world. People are at home, walking, holding hands, saying hello, it’s a nice little community. I can do this. I can follow the rules. I’m not an angry American.” Judi advises to take your mask, and practice social distancing rules when going out.

Helping others helps **Judy Keeling** pass the day. She’s been making cards and sending them out to people and working with Carrie Cavanaugh of the South Lyon Center for Active Adults to distribute food from Forgotten Harvest. After she sends a card, her phone typically rings with thanks. “A call back brightens my day,” she adds. Judy and husband Paul have ordered food from Kroger for pickup and have also shopped at Costco. “We are very cautious,” Judy said. So far, she’s read three books and they have painted the paneling in their basement. “I’ve found out how fast the days go & the weeks go. Suddenly it’s the afternoon.” She walks a lot & has been to several **1** parks and recreation areas, like Kensington, Brighton, St Clair Shores and Dexter. She’s been watching her church service on Zoom.

So, whether you are anxious, afraid or angry, please remember this is the “Now Normal.” Take each day one step at a time. Take care.

KIM’S CORNER RECENT SALES/ ACTIVITY

ACTV	25134 Jefferson Ct.	\$103,000	PEND	62330 Arlington Cir	\$125,000
ACTV	25104 Jefferson Ct.	\$112,900	PEND	62320 Arlington Cir	\$135,000
PEND	61745 Valley Forge	\$125,000	SOLD	25664 Lexington Dr.	\$129,50
PEND	61751 Alexandria	\$129,900	ACTV	61702 Williamsburg	\$134,900

Welcome New Neighbor:

153-2 McPhail, Jan 61751 Alexandra 313-706-4370
Add Jan to your directory
A new directory will be printed this year. If any of your information has changed or you want to add; fill out form on pg. 8

Every afternoon at 4 o'clock, I sit down with my iPhone and my iPad, and read stories to my granddaughters, ages 4 and 5. With one in Mexico and the other in California, it's my way to add something fun to their day. I hope they look forward to story time as much as I do.

After I read several stories, I put on a play, featuring various stuffed animals and animal decorations I've gathered from around the house. A tiger cat is the star of the show, and she typically visits each of the animals, learning something along the way each day. First, we learned about bears emerging from hibernation (they are really hungry!) and now we have cotton-ball "chicks" that just hatched. I'm using my set to teach a bit about nature, and I have plenty of topics to explore. I hope this activity helps them care about our natural world.

One of my favorite ways to enjoy nature is watching the birds who frequent my birdfeeder. Although sparrows seem to be the most popular visitors, the occasional yellow finch or cardinal provides great excitement. If you are thinking of adding a birdfeeder to your courtyard, you may want to search for a store where you can get all your supplies delivered curbside. One such store is Wild Birds Unlimited – Brighton, 9610 Village Place Blvd., located within the Green Oak Village Place, shopping area just east of US-23. Just call them at 810-522-5520 to order everything you need.

You might also want to wander the woods within Colonial Acres to check out the wildflowers. Just a short walk on the footpath from Heritage Blvd to the clubhouse is all it takes to view wildflowers thriving in this shaded woodland habitat. April to mid-May is typical time to see the trillium that blankets these woods; mayapples and other wildflowers may be seen now.

When you go out, please be aware of the potential presence of ticks and mosquitos. You can reduce your risk by:

- Wearing long-sleeved shirts; light-colored, long pants; and closed-toed shoes.
- Tucking shirts into pants and pants into socks.
- Applying insect repellent containing DEET (20% - 30%) or Picaridin to exposed skin and to clothing.
- Avoiding contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaf litter.
- Protecting your pets as well, as they can come into contact with ticks and carry them into your home.

Weeds growing in the cracks in your patio? Avoid buying expensive weed killers at the store by trying this "Weed-Be-Gone" recipe from www.naturalnews.com:

1 gallon vinegar
2 cups Epsom salt
¼ cup Dawn dish soap

Just mix and spray in the morning, after the dew has evaporated. Go back after dinner the weeds are all gone!

Need food? Here are three resources if you need help:

Active Faith Community Services 401 S. Washington Street
South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-9790

Active Faith offers three ways to receive food:

- Pick Up Service: Use this link <https://forms.gle/61aN1ytRfbdXo98> to place your order online. Please pick up your order between 11 am-4:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Your order will be ready for pick up within one hour of submission. If you are not able to order online, just drive up, fill out the order sheet, and food will be placed in your vehicle.
- Home Delivery: Use this link: <https://forms.gle/h7pRFF6Z2Guggjby5> This service is for those who are over 60, immunocompromised, by medical necessity or lack transportation. Food is delivered Wednesday mornings.

Western Oakland County Meals on Wheels

Previously, you had to be 60 years of age and homebound (unable to drive) to be eligible. They now have a temporary service, two to three weeks long, for people who are having a hard time getting to the grocery store, such as people who are high risk. Go to www.womow.org to sign up or call 888-886-8971 or 810-632-2155. They deliver one meal per day, three day minimum, for \$3 each meal.

Forgotten Harvest

Judy Keeling, along with **Carrie Cavanaugh** from the **South Lyon Center for Active Adults**, visit Forgotten Harvest in Whitmore Lake on Fridays to pick up food to give to people who can't get out to the store. In addition to pantry items like boxed and canned staples, they sometimes get fresh food, such as lunchmeat, and fresh fruit and vegetables, depending on what has been donated that week. If you need food, call Judy at 734-972-0066 to be added to her distribution list. Judy also has frozen potatoes, carrots and cabbage left over from the St. Patrick's Day dinner, please contact her if you would like some.



Redial, Dave, Scott, Judy Keeling and Carrie taking the picture, from the Active Adult Center. Getting food from Forgotten Harvests & taking it to residents in Colonial Acres, all phases.

Colonial Acres Phase V Meeting Minutes 5/13/2020 Via Go to Meeting

Call to order at 1:00 pm the regular membership meeting of Colonial Acres Phase V, Inc.

Roll call: In attendance: Bill Charles, Cindy Christenson, Judy Keeling, John McGraw, George Birchmeier – Jim Reuschlein and Stacy Klabak from Clearview

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Financial Report for prior month – Jim Reuschlein

Financial report – month ending April 2020 Expected increase in Land Lease is budgeted but we have not received numbers from Diane yet.

Bill Charles motion to approve 1st John, 2nd Judy - Approved

Management Report – Jim Reuschlein, Clearview Property Management Services

Vinyl work has resumed

John: They need to complete last years list before starting into the 2020 list of buildings

Judy: John's neighbor in #6 is upset with siding

George: Follow-up is needed for building 72 where flashing came off and installation was not trimmed.

JR: Meeting with vendor next Wednesday

Tax Tribunal has postponed the hearing again due to COVID.

11 Mile Rd proposal – did anyone attend meeting?

Bill: 50 homes were proposed but 2 were found to be too close to the road. Proposal denied as submitted. Must rework the details and resubmit to Zoning.

Judy: Meetings can be viewed online. Also noted the developer seemed confident in still building 50 homes.

Cindy: What was the power outage about?

Bill: Explained the utility company had to replace components and we had a branch that took power out/in a few times to the west of property.

Swimming Pool: April published Rules & Regs

John: Two comment were received on rules being the Food/drink not allowed in pool.

Discussion by board to revise line 18 to say Pool area and to have any food or drink on the wood deck only.

Motion to approve amended Rules, John, Judy 2nd - approved

Clubhouse Petty Cash - \$300.00

Motion to approve Petty Cash Policy – George, Cindy 2nd - approved

Stacy to cut check on Friday the 15th and bring out to clubhouse to meet with Judy & Cindy at noon. (meet to assist in GoToMeeting install)

141-3 Rear Privacy Fence request: Approved Motion to approve 1st by John, 2nd by George - APPROVED

New business /discussions of membership

Rules & Regs:

Bill: We need to update the Door and Window request forms and language in Rules & Regulations to remove "wood" to vinyl. Rules & Regs along with forms would be updated on web site immediately while the printed Rules & Regs would include changes when the annual printing is done for members.**Motion by Cindy, 2nd by Judy – Approved**

Land Lease Increase

JR: Every three years the lease has an increase using a CPA and complicated formula to calculate. Diane is still talking to CPA about this.

Judy: Can they do that?

JR: Yes, it is in the contract but we have budgeted for this.

Flags on Property

JR: Called utility company & WOW, both claim no knowledge of activity nor do they have anything going on in Phase 1-4.

Pool:

Closed through state order of 5/30/2020 and will depend on what the state or county does after that date.

Bill: working with Katie Kay on the pool opening & tentative schedule is in place but at this time the county is not doing the inspections or allowing any openings. 20x40 pool water allows for no more than 20 people at any given time in the area. -

Discussion – Signage to be done Listing Limit of 20 persons

George made a motion and John second it to allow **members ONLY**, no guest or children

If pool does not open the pool deck area will also remain closed.

Judy to get with John about sign(s)

Clubhouse discussion on open/close

The need for people to be responsible

Agreed to wait and see what state does at end of month. Closed until further notice.

Bill: To revise Clubhouse letter for door and web site.

92-4 Walnuts – Jamie took care of.

106-6 Exterior water

Stacy went out with contractor. Took photos, talked to member.

Stacy: What we see is either a line breakage in the sprinkler system but that is off at this time so likely the second possibility of a line or faucet broke behind access panel that goes under porch area to the north of wet ground on south side of unit 6.

JR: Has people going out to check that possibility out and repair.

Go To Meeting

Stacy to meet with Judy and Cindy on Friday to install or troubleshoot the software on their tablet or laptops so we can continue to have meetings while we navigate through the current COVID-19 problem.

Adjournment

Facilitator Name adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Stacy M. Klabak/Jim Reuschlein

Minutes approved by:

Letter from the President Colonial Acres Phase V

We do live in interesting times. I hope everyone is healthy and getting through this Covid19 virus crisis.

I wanted to take a little time and update you on the actions of your Board of Directors and status of our complex.

On 13 May 2020, the Board of Directors conducted a board meeting by teleconference. You can read the minutes of that meeting at the beginning of this month's newsletter.

The board took various actions that effect our complex. First, they decided to close the clubhouse, (including use of the library,) and the pool indefinitely. This was done based on guidance from various government officials. The board will revise this if further guidance is provided by the County and State.

Also, the board passed new permanent pool regulations. These permanent rules will be posted at the pool. The Board also passed a temporary rule for 2020 when the pool may open. That rule will restrict the use of the pool to only 20 persons at any time who must be members of Colonial Acres Phase V. **No guests will be allowed in the pool for the remainder of 2020.** This action was taken to protect the health and safety of our membership. (If you are a user of the pool, we expect you to follow the 20-person rule and maintain a safe distance for everyone's health. That also means we must share the pool, so everyone has an opportunity to use it and no one hogs the pool for hours.) The number was based on the size of the pool and guidance from the CDC. We can only open the pool if we are given clearance from the Oakland County Department of Public Health. We will take steps to ensure the pool is maintained. That will include running the pumps and other systems of the pool to avoid any problems when we can allow members use of the pool. I would like to thank Mike and Katy for their continued service in maintaining our pool.

The clubhouse and library will remain closed until such time as State guidance changes. We also are concerned about ways to keep the clubhouse sanitized between users. We do not have a full-time custodial person. So, keeping the Clubhouse sanitized during every use will be up to each member. The Clubhouse chair has made steps to purchase many products to keep the facility clean and sanitized. These products will be available to every user and the Board expects users to use these products. However, human nature being what it is the Board and Clubhouse committee are concerned that if the clubhouse is opened will the members clean up after themselves and sanitize all surfaces used. The bottom line will be that if the clubhouse is opened there will be strict rules to follow to ensure the safety and health of all members.

The vinyl siding contractors are continuing to work on additional buildings in our complex. Since we are well along into this major project the Board has modified the rules on window and door replacement. From now on any door and window replacement must follow the guidance for vinyl buildings as spelled out in our rules and regulations.



Phase V
RESIDENT
DIRECTORY

Deadline July 17, 2020

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE THE RESIDENT DIRECTORY

If you want to make corrections to the directory. Please fill in the fields below
Directory information includes name, address, Building #, Unit #, phone number.

The Resident Directory is issued to Colonial Acres Residents Only.

Email addresses will be for Colonial Acres Use Only.

MEMBER(S) NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE(S): _____

Submit to:

E-mail: johnjmcgraw@att.net

John McGraw

Phone: 248-437-4909

25636 Lexington Dr

Drop Off: bldg.73, unit 5, mailbox at front door

Unit 5

BOARD ELECTIONS SEPTEMBER 2020

Just a friendly reminder about the annual Board Meeting in September to elect three Board Members. Start thinking about being a part of helping our community be the best we can be. Get involved & make a difference on how we move forward in the next few years. Let the Board know if you are interested in running so they can put your name on the nomination forms that will be mailed out later in the summer.

GET INVOLVED - HAVE A SAY - RUN FOR THE BOARD!

What's Happening at the Clubhouse.....

Per Board of Directors the clubhouse is closed for all activities as of this writing, May 22.

The use policy of the clubhouse will be reviewed on a regular basis for any further guidance provided by the CDC and Michigan Department of Public Health. If there is a change in the CDC regulations, they will be posted on the clubhouse door/bulletin board. Until we can gather safely, we will not be having clubhouse or Board meetings.



Our Colonial Acres Phase V craft show is scheduled for **Saturday November 14th**. Now is a great time to be working on your crafts; keep those hands & minds busy!

The show is scheduled just before the holidays began so people can get their Christmas shopping started early.

The **Garage Sale** will be rescheduled as soon as we can safely open up the clubhouse.

Hi everyone,

Sorry, about this quite season. But I think it will be quite for a while yet. I am not planning any major events at this time. I am hoping by the end of summer we can get our garage sale in.

*I hope everyone stays healthy!
Keep your families safe!*

I will talk to you again next month. All is well here.

Judy, chairperson

Ps. Please volunteer for the two positions open on the clubhouse committee. If anyone is interested in doing the bills for newspaper advertising that is open also. Need spreadsheet and computer abilities.

Clubhouse elections on July 2nd. There are two positions open, Co-Chair & Treasurer. If you are interested in running for one of these positions please fill out below form & put it in the clubhouse suggestion box by the big bulletin board.

COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE 2020 NOMINATION FORM

ELECTION THURSDAY JULY 2, 2020. SUBMIT FORM NO LATER THAN JUNE 30TH

TREASURER _____ Phone #: _____

CO-CHARIPERSON _____ Phone # _____

A TEST FOR 'OLDER' KIDS

THE ANSWERS WILL BE ON THE TIP OF YOUR TONGUE, BUT YOU JUST CAN'T QUITE REMEMBER THE CORRECT ANSWER. **LOOK FOR THE ANSWERS ON PAGE 12..... AFTER YOU HAVE TRIED IT OUT.**

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? _____.
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on... The _____ Show.
3. 'Get your kicks, _____.'
4. 'The story you are about to see is true . The names have been changed to _____.'
5. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.'
6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '_____.'
7. Nestle's makes the very best '_____.'
8. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____.'
9. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their_____.
10. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ &_____.
11. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to _____.
12. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.
13. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.
14. Remember LS/MFT _____ / _____?
15. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____!
16. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? The _____ Knows!
17. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash". It's name was the _____!
18. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as it's Logo/Representative. What was the boy's name? _____

HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

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RULES

ANSWERS to page 10:

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|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet | 2. The Ed Sullivan Show | |
| 3. On Route 66 | 4. to protect the innocent. | 5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight |
| 6. The limbo | 7. Chocolate | 8. The Timex watch |
| 9. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed) | | |
| 10. Beetle or Bug | 11. Buddy Holly | 12. Sputnik |
| 13. Hoola-hoop | 14. Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco | 15. Howdy Doody Time |
| 16. Shadow | 17. Monster Mash | 18. Speedy |

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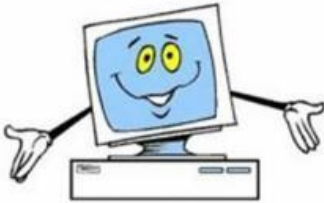
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Janet Cronin is an Occupational Therapist and Certified Hand Therapist with over 25 years' experience. She is a graduate of Cleveland State University in Ohio with a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. Janet likes to stay current with the latest treatment techniques and attends several continuing education courses. She has lectured at various conferences in rheumatoid hand disorders and stiff PIP joint complications. Janet specializes in upper extremity rehab and emphasizes patient education and participation in treatment to achieve goals. Janet has worked in multiple practice settings and closely with hand surgeons coordinating patient care. She has mentored Level I & II Occupational Therapy students and enjoys teaching students. She will be treating patients in out Howell and South Lyon Centers.



Michael Forgach, PT, DPT, OCS, joined the PPTS team in 2015 after graduating from Michigan State in 2009 with a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and receiving his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Wayne State University in 2014. Since joining the PPTS team, Mike has worked with a variety of patients, including post-surgical rehabilitation and those patients with complex orthopedic conditions. Mike has a passion for working with, treating, and educating athletes; whether they are just beginning, high school, collegiate or on a professional level. After working in Orthopedics and Sports Medicine through PPTS, Mike is now a board-certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist (OCS). Mike hopes to continue his passion for physical fitness by incorporating and educating his patients throughout their treatment. Mike's goal is to provide positive outcomes for his patients by teaching them the exercises, skills, and techniques to return to them to their functional goals.

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