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# COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V NEWSLETTER

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# VOTE NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. Many people in countries around the world do not have the same freedom, nor did many Americans in centuries past. **No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights, VOTE!** 



#### **Call to Order**

Call to order at 1:15 pm the regular membership meeting of Colonial Acres Phase V, Inc. at CAV Clubhouse parking lot.

#### Roll Call

Conducted a roll call. All Board Members were present. Also, present Stacy Klabak & David Rudolph for Clearview.

# Bill Charles addressed the meeting attendees to update the data from the fire in building 85. Invited rep from Concraft to speak.

Concraft: We have everything in control and are working on getting the power back onto the building so members can get back in.

#### Q/A Who is responsible for the building -

- A The building itself is under the cooperative's insurance
- Q Will things be brought back to what they were?
- A We have the specs from the original construction and yes, they will be put back to the specs.
- Q What about upgrades?

A – If you had any upgrades those can be address individually. The difference in cost from spec and upgrade would be the members responsibility either by way of their own insurance or out of pocket cost. You are not required to upgrade but will have the option if you want the unit restored to before damage level.

#### Aproval of minutes from last meeging

Financial Report for prior month

Motion made to approve Financial report by George and seconded by Cindy Christianson. Motion passed with all in favor.

Copies less the delinquency report were provided to members in attendance.

Management Report – Stacy Klabak, Clearview Property Management Services

- Covered the highlights of the report since due to the fire in building 85 the board & Clearview were needed.
- Clubhouse Doors Issue with finding the right way to lock them with emergency exit bars in use. Options include a fob system, keypad or keys.
- Key fob or keypad system would both allow for programming to be updated as people movein or out and the ability to see when someone has accessed the area.
- Stacy explained that tracking is not a monitoring protocol but a way to research if there is a concern to go back and see who was in the building on a day or time.
  - Paul Tralia has a contact for doors that he will reach out and if they are interested, they can submit a bid to Clearview.

- Concrete work has mostly been completed.
- Benches have been delivered and will be set in place around the pond,
- Siding and downspouts. Punch list items has been addressed and work continues.
- Building 71, units 3 & 4 have water that runs down when it rains between the units.
  - 64-6 has the same issue & can provide some pictures if that helps, 57-5 has same issue
  - David to get w/member to review. Also to look at 71 & 72 by units 3&4 of each.
- Building 71 & 72 have had the grading done and trees removed to improve the areas.
   Wood chips for the pathway were done but needed to get Jamie in the sod and help with another path area that Sue and John McGraw worked on.
  - Member (Bob & Alice) spoke about how happy and appreciative he and his wife is to finally have this addressed. It came out better than we could imagine.
  - Board acknowledged the time and work Sue Brock and John McGraw put into creating a new, safe pathway between the buildings and the clubhouse.
  - Member communicated praise to Jamie on a job well done.
- The Tax Tribunal is still scheduled to go and we are very optimistic.

Motion to approve made and passed.

#### Old business

- Comcast
  - Flyers and price promotions were passed out and posted to the web page.

Sue Brock researched the prices and felt they seem about the same in the area. Bill: The prices are for a faster upgraded system, but prices seem same as anyone. The install is a promotion and the money per unit we would receive for the property. In surveying the members in a non-formal way, it looks to be 2/1 in favor of going with Comcast.

**Board:** Concerned with expense to members, but Wow has stated they will not be upgrading anything in the future.

**Member**- was told during phone call they (Wow) will be moving to just a streaming service with the internet.

**Member** – I got my cost dropped from Wow after calling about increases.

**Board**: During call with Comcast last week they would like to move forward in Nov/Dec to get it started in the 2020 calendar year.

Will take up to 120 day to implement

Member price guaranteed for 2 years

You can do Internet and Cable TV or just one or the other.

You can keep your Dish, Direct TV, or ATT but Wow would be gone.

At this time nothing has been approved.

#### New Business

Workshop equipment will be abandoned, it is no longer in use and is rusting or showing wear and tear. This will free up some space in the garage that we need.
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- Halloween Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm
- Overgrown shrubs outside of courtyard at 56-3 & bushes at 63-3 David to go investigate & talk to Jamie.
- Siding from member for their A/C repair is missing.

David – I was unaware it was theirs & thought contractor left. It has been put back now.

**David** – Will double check when I go over to 72 & 64 for the gutters

**Sue Brock:** We will be posting the meeting agenda prior to the meetings on the website and hope we can come up with a easy way for members to submit questions prior to the meeting so they can be researched and/or addressed.

**Stacy** – I can add a new page to the site for meetings and create a contact link for questions to be submitted. We can try to look at a solution.

**Sue Brock**: On the proposed medical equipment we need to have a release of liability for the use of any equipment.

Judy Keeling, we would have to hold any returns for 2 weeks. Also Coffee Hour (clubhouse) – COVID has spiked again in Michigan and we have older high-risk population. We cannot take the risk and liability to people and monitor if everyone follows a procedure for the cleanup. Bill: Coffee shops can accommodate small groups, or you can entertain in your home.

#### Go To Meeting: Members want to know if they can be in on those meetings?

Bill: I will direct to Stacy on if we can accommodate

**Stacy** – We can host up to 250 people, but I would have to mute everyone and when we have open discussion there is a way to "wave your hand" and then unmute that person.

#### What about posting the recordings?

**Stacy** – the obstacle is the meetings take about 1 and ½ hours or more so the file become so large it is difficult to load onto a site.

Paul Traila – Use YouTube, you can post a private video there and share the link

**Bill/Stacy** – it is a possibility but keep in mind Clearview's contract does not include any of this extras we are doing and if we keep adding more and more I (Stacy) will have to hire a part timer for you.

**Member** - Garbage at 57-2: Member is not there, and they are selling so they are cleaning it out and put a large pile out that will be there for a week.

**Stacy:** Will be able to fine them (\$100) & attach to status so it will have to be paid before a closing.

#### **Board Reports or Discussion**

**Member:** inquired if the board gets the financial report prior to meeting so they had time to review?

**Bill:** indicated they are emailed over when ready prior to the meeting by Jim Reuschlein. **Member:** Concrete piled on 5 parking spaces?

**Bill:** Yes we are aware and Jim is handling that. It had to go somewhere for the time. **Member** question: Are the railings on the porch covered by the association? I know the porch is but what about railings?

Bill: No, railings were an add on after the fact. The member is responsible since they were not standard with the unit.3

**Judy:** Clubhouse and COVID, We are ready but not COVID ready. I know people want to have their coffee but that is an individual thing. If we are keeping it closed just keep me updated. **Sue:** If we did open we would have to have someone signing people in, taking temperature and then sanitizing everything. Would need too many volunteers.

**Bill:** It is closed for 2020 for all non-members and we will see about members use as information on the COVID is released.

#### Adjournment

Bill Charles adjourned the meeting at 2:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Stacy M. Klabak



#### From your Board President

I wish to address with you this month about fire safety. We suffered a major fire in one unit in October. Fortunately, no one suffered major injuries, though 2 residents were taken to the hospital for observation. The fire destroyed the unit and caused smoke damage in four other units. This resulted in the Fire Department having everyone vacate the entire building until it was deemed safe. Our Fire Chief, Robert Vogel, credits a working smoke alarm in getting everyone out of the unit and the building.

So, what are the Michigan Codes for smoke alarms and what is a good practice. The Michigan Code is based on the size of the home and potential fire hazards. But at a minimum you should have a smoke detector in every bedroom and on every level of the home.

It is good practice to have a smoke and carbon monoxide detector on each level and smoke detectors in bedrooms and living areas.

There are two types of smoke detectors: **Ionization Smoke Detector**, that uses small "Ions" or electrically charged particles to detect smoke. **Photoelectric Smoke Detector**, which uses a light beam to detect smoke. This type is best to detect a smoldering source.

Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every 5-7 years.

You can also now purchase 10-year battery life smoke detectors which avoids the changing of batteries every six months. You can also purchase at many stores multi packs of these smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Please help protect yourself and your neighbors from fire by updating your smoke detectors and making sure you have them on both levels of your unit and in the bedrooms.

I wish you and your families a great Thanksgiving and remember the many things we have to be thankful for. 4

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COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V OPERATING STATEMENT MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMENER 30

# BITS & PIECES OF INFO



#### . MARY K'S REAL ESTATE CORNER FOR RECENT SALES/ACTIVITY

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PEND	25888 Lexington Dr	Unit #3	\$104,900
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PEND	61961 Yorktown Dr	Unit #1	\$124,999
PEND	25123 Heritage Ct	Unit #5	\$129,909
PEND	62330 Arlington Cr	Unit #2	\$133,000
SOLD	62178 Ticonderoga Dr.	Unit #1	\$ 95,000
SOLD	25107 Heritage Ct	Unit #4	\$116,000
SOLD	62341 Arlington Cr	Unit #4	\$126,900
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### **VETERANS DAY WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2020**



#### **CLUBHOUSE NEWS**

#### October 1, 2020 CLUBHOUSE MEETING MINUTE

#### Meeting began 11:58 am

- Judy gave the clubhouse financial report; \$25,600 was transferred to Clearview the beginning of the year. As of August 2020 the balance was \$18,620.57, expenses incurred during that time: newsletter publishing & printing, painting of clubhouse, clubhouse supplies, CH cleaning, petty cash, & maintenance inside CH. Other than the St. Patrick Dinner there has been no revenue into the fund, due to no planned activities or rentals.
- There was an Executive order from the Governor, that begins October 9<sup>th</sup>, we may be able to open the clubhouse with limited occupancy. The Board of Directors will let us know when that is put into place; as things change on a weekly basis.
- Judy stated she will remain the Chair of the Clubhouse Committee thru July when we will have elections. She will not be able to attend any large events when we are back in the clubhouse due to family safety during this time.
- Two new doors are coming and until they are installed **DO NOT** use the old ones. They do not shut properly thus do not lock.
- Plans for an outdoor Halloween party were discussed, Judy is organizing this event. Soup & Chili will be served (several volunteered to supply), costumes encouraged, & a bonfire will be blazing to gather for warmth. Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7, bring your own chair & drink. All of this is dependent on decent Fall evening weather.
- John McGraw has agreed to take over the Treasurer & Ad Billing positions of the clubhouse. Thank you John!
- A possible New Years Eve party was discussed, dependent on the opening of the clubhouse. It would be for members only for limited people. This will be further discussed as we get more info from our Governor.
- Sue asked about having a book club meeting at the clubhouse. If there is interest, she will check with the library on how to get started.

#### Meeting was adjourned 12:45 pm

We have a new garden member, Michael Marcise, who volunteered to help maintain the grounds & gardens around the clubhouse. He was working while we were having our CH meeting, getting rid of a big pile of dirt. Thank you Mike for joining the team: Judy Keeling, Marge Stefanski, along with our waterer, Mike Giordano. They work hard all year long keeping the clubhouse area beautiful.

As of now, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the clubhouse remains closed. Our Board of Directors are monitoring the Michigan Government web site on all current State mandates & will notify us when we are able to open safely. Due to the recent COVID spikes during October we all need to be careful to follow the rules of the State.

#### POLICE/FIRE DRIVEBY November 11, 2020 @ 11:00 am

Route starts @ Heritage Rd. off Pontiac Trl

- Heritage to Franklin Terrace
- Heritage to Potomac
- Heritage to Lexington
- Lexington to Raleigh
- Left onto Valley Forge
- Right onto Heritage Dr.
- Left onto Arlington Circle

Line the streets & give them a BIG CHEER!



Cindy Corad Sergeant/EMT/IC South Lyon Fire Department



#### Technology Help Available

You can learn how to navigate technology such as videoconferencing and telemedicine through a new free resource for Michiganders age 60 and up.

The Aging & Adult Services Agency at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) partnered with GetSetup, a mission-driven education technology company dedicated to creating economic and learning opportunities for older adults.

You can access more than 150 free online group classes designed for and led by older adults. Offerings include classes on how to use a smartphone or tablet, how to use services like video conferencing, Gmail, Facebook, grocery delivery and telemedicine, as well as virtual social hours.

#### An internet connection is all that's needed to access.

As part of the program, GetSetUp will run classes 10 hours a day to make it easy for Michiganders to take a class anytime they like from the comfort and safety of their homes. The classes are available free for the next six months. This initiative is supported in part by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

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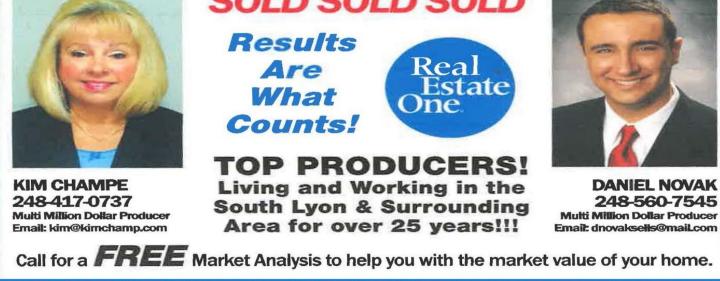
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# KIM CHAMPE / DAN NOVAK



### South Lyon Fire Chief: Reading tablet probably ignited couch, destroyed condo unit

Around midnight on October 14<sup>th</sup> a <u>fire tore</u> through Colonial Acres on Adams Ct., causing massive damage to the interior of the building.

All six units received extensive damage following the fire and are considered un-livable. Walls and ceilings in each apartment were in bad shape as a result of the blaze. It may take up to 9 months to repair. The South Lyon fire chief credited a working smoke detector with saving everyone's lives. "Smoke detectors save lives. That's the fact, it woke one resident up, she saw the smoke, she evacuated, called 911, she did great. She really saved all the residents," said Chief Robert Vogel. A tablet used for reading the Bible probably started a condo blaze that left three residents seeking hospital care early Wednesday morning, according to South Lyon firefighters. 'The tablet was re-charging on a basement couch and probably heated and ignited the couch's fabric", Chief Robert Vogel said. Luckily no one was seriously injured.

This is a reminder to be carful when charging ANY electrical device. Phones, tablets, etc. heat up when they are charging or in use. While charging your devices either use a charging station or make sure they are on a non-flammable surface.

#### **November Notes**

#### Denise Semion

This year, Thanksgiving may be quite different from years past. Yes, turkeys are available, as well as pumpkin to make pies. Once the busiest travel times, you might have friends and relatives who will not be flying to share a Thanksgiving dinner this year. Even in these challenging times, we can find lots to be thankful for. Take a moment to check in with a friend or a neighbor this month, as the winds turn cold, reminding us that winter is on its way.

For a little history, the pilgrims celebrated their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. It is said that 90 Native Americans and 63 pilgrims attended a meal which reportedly served roast duck or goose, along with seafood, including lobster, clams and mussels, squash, carrots and peas, chestnuts and walnuts. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday in the United States, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the wild turkey to be our national symbol instead of the bald eagle. He felt that the stately, majestic qualities of the wild turkey would make it a fine icon for the new country. One of the largest birds in North America, an adult gobbler (male) can grow up to 4 feet long from beak to tail. In spite of its large size and rather awkward appearance, the wild turkey is a powerful flier, reaching speeds of up to 55 mph over distances up to a mile.

Although most of us typically cook a domestic turkey, wild turkeys almost entirely disappeared from Michigan by 1900. Today, after successfully being re-introduced by the state, wild turkeys in Michigan number around 200,000. You can sometimes see a flock along the road or a park, like Kensington Metropark.

**Turkey Trivia:** Most people are familiar with the term "flock of pigeons" and a "gaggle of geese," but did you know that a group of turkeys is called a "rafter"? And baby turkeys are called poults. Adult males are gobblers and females are hens. See if you can stump someone this year.

#### Household Hazardous Waste Update

Correction – Last month I incorrectly wrote that the Novi Household Hazardous Waste day would be held Saturday, November 3. I meant Saturday, October 3. My apologies for the confusion.

There is one last HHW collection date this year, it will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in Milford, at 1100 Atlantic Street, from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Household Hazardous Waste only – document shredding and simple recycling will not be available. For more information, go to <u>www.rrrasoc.org</u>.

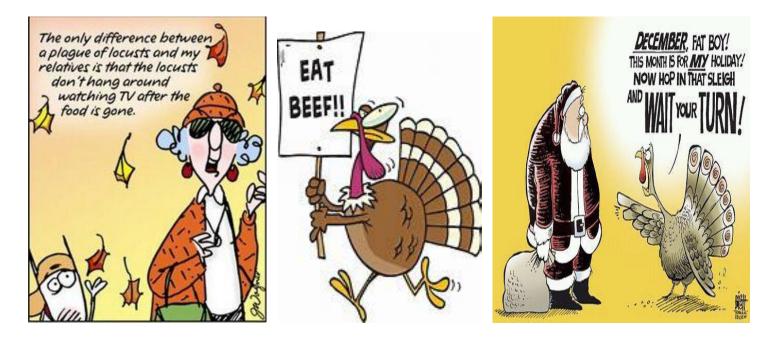
#### **Snowbirds & Travelers**

If you're traveling or away from your unit for more than a month please let Judy Damphousse, 248-882-2178, know **NOT** to deliver your newsletter & the dates you will be gone. Remember, you can always view the newsletter at Colonial Acres Web site: colonialacresphasev.com Thank You!

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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**Thanksgiving Day** is an annual national holiday celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. The American holiday is particularly rich in <u>l</u>egend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. The holiday is often the busiest of the year, as family members gather with one another.

Thanksgiving Day is more than a day of fond memories, parades, football, and special dinners. It is also a day of thanks. On Thanksgiving Day, we are reminded of the bounty of treasures that is a part of our lives, especially during our pandemic. We usually spend a few moments before the Thanksgiving dinner to give thanks for the richness of our lives and for our wonderful family and friends. For too many people, however, the meaning of Thanksgiving ends with spending a few moments of giving thanks at the dinner table.

It is important for us to remember that the word **thanksgiving** is composed of two words: **thanks** and **giving**. Through the Holiday of Thanksgiving we are reminded to give thanks **and** to share and give. The Holiday reminds us to share our time and talents with other people who could use our help. In terms of thought and deed, the Holiday of Thanksgiving gives us an enriched perspective on the abundance in our lives. As you sit down to dinner this Thanksgiving, spend a few moments giving thanks. Also, share with your family and friends' what actions you will take in the next year to fully express the meaning of Thanksgiving. By giving of your time and talent you are acknowledging that there is abundance in <u>your</u> life.

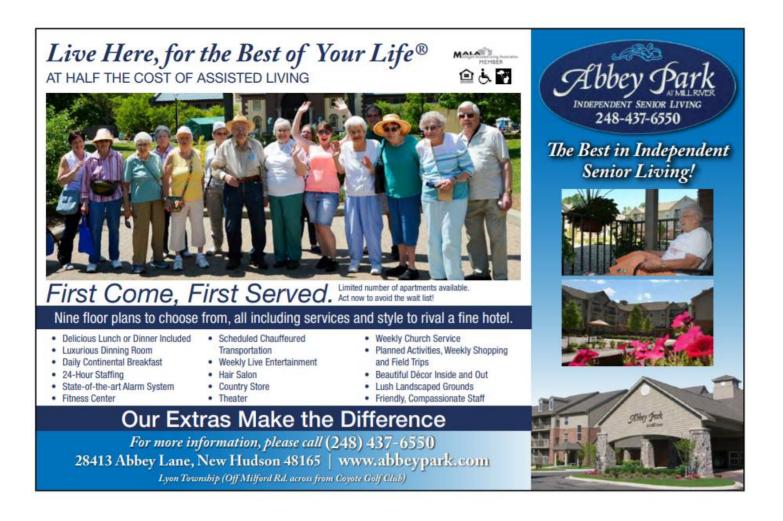
### **Inspirational Thanksgiving Quotes**

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." -Oprah Winfrey

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -John F. Kennedy

Gratitude can transform common days into Thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." - William Arthur Ward

"Family isn't always about the people in your life who are blood relations. It's about the people in your life who want you to be in theirs. It's about the people in your life who accept you for who you are, support you in the things you choose to do and no matter what, are there for you. It's the people in your life who love you, respect you and who you can depend on. Now that's family!" - *Anonymous* 12





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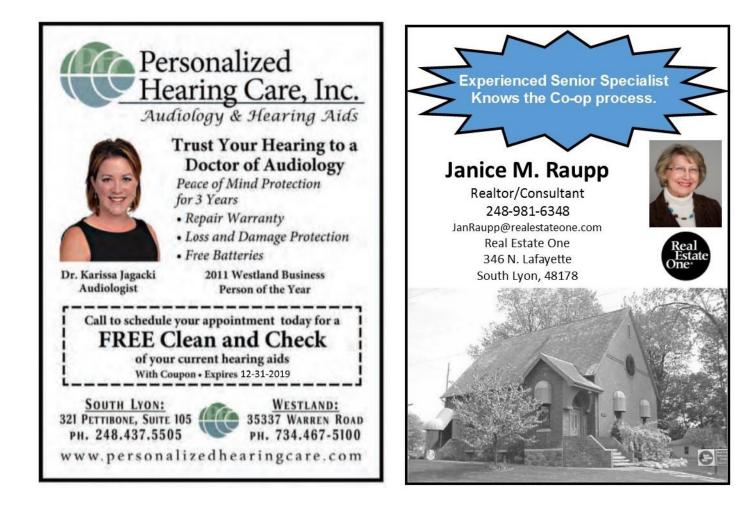
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