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the 15th of each month.





March 14, 2021 at 2am - Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of setting the clocks forward one hour from standard time during the summer months, and back again in the fall, in order to make better use of natural daylight.

Remember to turn your clocks forward & make good use of your extra hour!

#### **COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V BOARD MEETING - 2-19-21 VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Virtual meeting began at 1:00 pm. In attendance were Bill Charles, George Birchmeir, Cindy Christianson and Susie Brock. Katy Kay gave her voting proxy to Susie B. Stacy Klaback and Jim Reuschlein were representing Clearview Management. The Pledge of Allegiance could not be done.

- 1. Motion to approve the Management report was made by George Birchmeir and seconded by Cindy Christianson. All approved the motion.
- 2. Motion to approve the Financial report was made by George Birchmeir and seconded by Cindy Christianson. All approved the motion.
- 3. Motion to approve the December minutes was made by Cindy C and seconded by George B. Motion to approve the January minutes was made by George G and seconded by Cindy C. Both motions were approved.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- The Board approved the Key Committee, Jayne G, Katy K and Susie B. The Committee will be creating the second member key for \$10. There are only 2 keys per unit. If a third person is living with you, you need to take them to the pool as your guest. A class must be taken first by the Key Committee. Dates TBD. A new computer is not needed, as the class is web based and can be done on a Smart Phone. The member primary keys were not completed. They were not mailed out yet. Look for the member primary keys in March.
- Motion to allow finances to be given back to the Clubhouse was made by Susie B and seconded by George B. An audit will have to be done every fiscal year. The Clubhouse will pay the \$300 audit charge. Jim R and Susie B will be meeting at Chase Bank to set up the new checkbook starting in March.
- Patti Dooley has resigned as the Clubhouse Secretary. Susie B will become the Ad Biller and Katy K will be Treasurer for the Clubhouse until the next election in July.
- The re-opening of the Clubhouse is now April 1st.
- Comcast information will be available on our website and in our Newsletter.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

- Susie B and the Clubhouse committee have been getting quotes for Clubhouse improvements.
- George B, Susie B and John McGraw have been meeting with Dave Rudolph (Clearview) to discuss the electrical and plumbing updates.
- Susie B made motion to allow \$30,000, from the Comcast Sign On Bonus, for Clubhouse updates and repairs. George B seconded the motion. All approved the motion. The new floor will be installed in March. The remaining Sign On Bonus will be kept in a reserve account.

#### 6. BOARD MEMBER REPORT OR ITEMS

• 71-4 has been vacant for years. If the family pays for the carrying charge and keeps the utilities on, the Board cannot force them to sell.

- 64-3 is not the building sump pump condo. When the member is ready, she can contact Clearview to fix the hole.
- Katy K has been added to the Wixom Towing Company.
- Jane Severn is asking if any condo sales have occurred since October. She has not been informed.
- Comcast is aware that we need a pool phone line.
- The March Board meeting will be Virtual.
- Suggestions for remaining sign on bonus: Use money to offset or decrease next carrying charge increase was suggested by Susie B.
   Or make one of the sheds into a gym. George B is the point person responsible for removing the saws and equipment in the Member Shed.
- We are in the process of updating the Clubhouse Rental form.
- It is unfortunate that our largest snowfall occurred during the Spring Break of our Snow Angels. Hopefully this won't happen often.
- It is important that Members follow the rules for Snow Plow days. Do not park on Heritage or other open areas until after the snowplows are done!!! Never park the day before.
- 7. Motion was made to close the meeting by George B and seconded by Cindy C. All approved the motion. Meeting closed at 2:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susie Brock

#### FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Here we are in March and the hope of warm weather. We survived a medium winter blast and days of subzero temperatures, so we all are ready for spring. The winter storm again showed problems with plowing and members not moving their cars or moving them too soon. We have discussed these issues with Lewis Brothers and got their commitment to doing better on their part. We need to do our part and move our cars at the appropriate time.

As I write this Comcast is in the complex installing their infrastructure for cable services. You will find regular updates on our website and in future newsletters as this project moves forward. Any member who currently receives services from WoW will get about 45 days' notice when WoW will cease to provide their services. The switch to Comcast will only affect customers of WoW. Those members that have ATT, DirecTV, or Dish will not be affected by these changes.

The board has decided to make some upgrades to the clubhouse. This will include a total replacement and upgrade of the floor. Also, some plumping repairs, bathroom fixtures, and electrical plug upgrades. This also includes the previously approved new deck and depending on costs some other changes requested by the Clubhouse Committee. We hope to have these projects completed during the month of March and early April. Once completed it is hoped we can start reopening the clubhouse for normal activities. Every member should soon receive their new key card for the clubhouse. A second key card is available for \$10. Two cards per unit maximum. As always, if you have any issues feel free to contact me or any Board member and we will be happy to take your concerns before the Board of Directors.

# COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V OPERATING STATEMENT TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

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#### COVID-19 Vaccine: Help protect yourself from getting COVID-19

Health officials have emphasized that all of the Covid vaccines available in the U.S. have been effective at protecting people from severe disease, hospitalization and death. They urged people not to wait to get vaccinated in order to receive a particular brand of vaccine due to perceived efficacy. The best vaccine is the one you can get tomorrow.

#### There are many pharmacies that have been distributing the vaccine.

- ➤ <u>Walgreens</u> has been selected by the CDC and HHS to provide a limited number of COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible individuals. Vaccinations began in stores Feb. 12 register at <u>www.walgreens.com</u>
- Rite Aid go on line to register: riteaid.com/pharmacy/covid-qualifier
- <u>Meijer</u> is currently offering COVID-19 vaccinations at select locations in Michigan, <u>meijer.com</u> Those eligible can register to receive the vaccine either at the company's website, via text or by visiting a local Meijer pharmacy to book an appointment.
- ➤ CVS is offering COVID-19 vaccination services. Those eligible must register to receive the vaccine by booking an appointment at the CVS website or using the CVS mobile app.
- Oakland County: register for a "save your spot" for the COVID vaccine by going to: <a href="mailto:saveyourspot@oakgov.com">saveyourspot@oakgov.com</a> They have been administrating the vaccine at The Novi Showplace
- ➤ <u>Personal Health Care Services</u> are one of the best places to sign up. This usually can be done through your patient portal or provider.



If you don't have a computer you can use one at the library to sign up.

Get a COVID-19 vaccine, wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet apart, avoid crowds, and wash your hands to protect against COVID-19. We can get through this!

Has anyone else's gardening skills improved during this quarantine like mine have? I planted myself on my couch March 2020 & I've grown significantly since.

#### START GETTING YOUR GARDENS READY FOR SPRING 2021

The sun is shining, birds are singing and it's time for your garden to come back from the winter weather. Your garden needs some help getting back in shape

Even though most areas of the country are slowly warming and most plants are still dormant it won't be long before daffodils, hyacinths and tulips will be blooming. It is time to start thinking about ways to get your garden ready with these **spring garden tips**. Many areas of the country are still under a blanket of snow, but it won't be long before most of us will be doing things to get our garden ready for spring. Depending on how late our winter lasts, that time is almost here!

Get rid of weeds, making sure that you get the roots so they won't grow back. Ideally just before your spring bulbs start to pop up, clean the plant debris out of your garden beds. This includes fallen branches, matted down leaves, last year's perennial foliage, ornamental grasses and perennial hibiscus, and any annuals you didn't remove last fall. Maintaining good hygiene in your garden beds will help to keep pests and diseases at bay.

Start pruning out anything that has been broken or damaged by winter ice, snow and cold. Follow the general rule that flowering shrubs which bloom on new branches (this year's growth) can be trimmed in spring. This includes summer flowering shrubs like, hydrangea, potentilla, rose of Sharon, and roses. Their flower buds will be set on the new flush of growth that appears after you prune it. **DO NOT** prune early flowering shrubs and those that bloom on old branches (last year's stems) like azalea, forsythia, lilac, quince, ninebark and weigela in spring. If you do, you'll risk cutting off this year's flower buds. You might not be able to see them, but they are there, so resist the urge to prune.

If you garden in an area where late spring frosts and freezes are a possibility, be prepared to cover up plants that have tender emerging buds or foliage if freezing temps are in the forecast. If the buds haven't begun to open yet, there's no need to cover them.

Old sheets and towels that have been relegated to the rag pile are a good option, and professional row cover is available for purchase, too. **DO NOT** cover tender plants with plastic sheeting or tarps. The effect of the plastic touching the newly emerging buds and foliage will magnify the cold's effect, rather than mitigate it.

Though most annual flowers need the soil to warm up a bit before planting, some cool weather loving plants like pansies, nemesia, and daisies won't mind if you plant them in the garden early. Fill your spring containers with sweet alyssum, lobelia and Supertunia petunias, too. For most other annuals, it's a good idea to wait until our last frost date to plant, usually around Mother's Day in May.





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Ray Winters passed Friday February 5, 2021

#### **COMCAST NEWS**

Comcast is busy around Phase V. You may have seen their trucks or signs. Remember Comcast will only be replacing WOW. The wiring and fiber optics will go thru existing cables or will be put in a downspout pipe on your building. There should be no visible wires once completed.

Due to the frozen ground, you may see some cables on the ground. These will be put in the ground once it has thawed. Just ignore the cable and wires for now. No need to call Clearview as they are aware.

You will be contacted through the Website or Newsletter when you can get an appointment with Comcast. This is when you will place your order for service. At that time, Comcast may need access inside your home. They have to ensure the cables and wiring are up to date.

Keep an eye out on the Website or Newsletter for information!

**Remember**, each group that wants to start using the clubhouse beginning in April needs to have a leader in charge of following Covid mandates. Get in touch with Susie Brock, 248-892-5183 to arrange a group time & leader.

#### **CLUBHOUSE NEWS:**

#### **CLUBHOUSE MINUTES 2-4-21**

The phone meeting began at 12:00 pm with Katy Kay, Donna Tilley and Susie Brock in attendance. The next meeting will be via phone on March 4, 2021. We hope to have the April meeting in the Clubhouse following the government mandates. The meeting ended at 1:25 pm.

Patti Dooley has retired as Clubhouse Secretary. She has been involved with the Clubhouse Committee for many years. We thank her for her service. Katy Kay has volunteered to be the Committee Treasurer. Susie Brock will become the Ad Biller. Please send all donations to Katy. Katy will reimburse all prior approved purchases. Katy will process all of the rental payments from Debbie M.

Hopefully the Covid mandates will ease up soon. Tentatively, we plan on the Clubhouse opening Mid-March. The coffee group has already signed up for Monday mornings at 8:30 am starting March 15 th . The Coffee Leaders are Patti Dooley and Alice Ciszewski. The Library will also open on March 15 th . Library Group Leader is Shirley Estes.

Courtyard Walk Thru is scheduled for June 12 th . Get your courtyards pretty! Judy Keeling & Margie Stefanski are Group Leaders.

There will be New Member Orientation in May and November. More details to follow! Gloria Poirier and Connie Williams are Group Leaders.

We hope to start Clubhouse Rentals in May. Remember you cannot reserve a December date until after June 1, 2021. Rental Group Leader is Debbie McGuiniss. Following government mandates of course!

Newsletters will no longer be mailed to out of state SnowBirds. Newsletters can be found on our website. ColonialacresphaseV.com.

All Groups/Activities must have a Leader. The leader will be in charge of following Covid mandates and following the Clubhouse *Closing/Cleaning List*. Please call Susie B to start up a Group.

Thank You, Susie Brock

If you want to stay updated in, between newsletters, on what's happening in & around Colonial Acres Phase V log onto our website: <a href="mailto:colonialacresphasev.com">colonialacresphasev.com</a>

The newsletter can be viewed in color, updates about Comcast, Board Agendas & much more on line. Stay informed, know what's going on in your neighborhood.

**FYI - DO NOT** dispose of dog waste bags by dropping them on the lawn. Let's keep our community a beautiful place we're proud to live in. **7** 



# BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS!!!

**PLEASE**, when it snows over night it is tempting to move your cars before the snow starts so you don't have to get up early. That is not how it works. **DO NOT** move your cars until the snowplow has plowed the roads & streets. Heritage Road & the clubhouse are cleared first. If cars are parked there they will be plowed in. Once Heritage is plowed all other streets are plowed. As the streets are plowed you can move your cars to plowed areas only, **NOT BEFORE!**. Lewis Brothers plowers will try to be better about plowing on a timely basis. If you don't move your car your neightbors spot does not get plowed either. Cars that are moved ahead of time or not moved at all **will be** ticked and/or towed.

The key cards did not get made in February. Watch your mail box in March for the key cards. Each unit will be issued one card, a second one can be purchased for \$10. Each unit is not allowed more than 2 cards. If one is lost a \$25 fee will be charged to replace it.

Some improvements will be made during March before the clubhouse opens the beginning of April. The new floor will be installed the end of March. We'll have a new look when you enter!

We're still looking for **pool managers** to run our pool on a daily basis this summer. Let's make sure the pool gets open in May. Get in touch with the Clubhouse Chair Person, Susie Brock 248-892-5183, to find out more info and/or apply for this position!



The Clubhouse is being updated! The new floors are coming! We need help packing up the Library and help moving furniture.

We also need dollies to put underneath the pool table. Please volunteer to help. Call Susie B at 248-892-5183.



ARE YOU MISSING BUCKBOARD? DO YOU MISS MEETING WITH FRIENDS? JOIN US THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE CLUBHOUSE. 1 PM – 4 PM. IT'S B.Y.O.B. DAY!! Starts in April

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#### FUN FACTS TO KNOW ABOUT MARCH

March brings with it the promise of gardening and warm(er), sunny days, as Earth turns its frostbitten cheek to winter and springs forth from the vernal equinox.

- In the early Roman calendar, March (or *Martius*) was the first month of the calendar year. As March brought the first day of spring with the vernal equinox, it was the start of new beginnings. March became the third month when January and February, which were added to the end of the Roman calendar around 700 BC, instead became the first and second months around 450 BC.
- March's full Worm Moon arrives on Sunday, March 28! Here's all you need to know about the full Worm Moon—including why it has such an odd name. March's full **Worm Moon** reaches peak illumination at 2:50 P.M. EDT on Sunday, March 28, 2021. Look for the spectacularly bright Moon as it rises above the horizon that evening!
- March's full Moon goes by the name Worm Moon, which was originally thought to refer to the earthworms that appear as the soil warms in spring. This invites robins and other birds to feed—a true sign of Spring!
- March's birth flower is the daffodil. The birthstones for March are bloodstone, which symbolize courage and aquamarine.
- March starts on the same day of the week as February and November in common years. During leap years, it begins on the same day of the week as November only. Every year, March and June finish on the same day of the week.
- **March** comes in like a **lion** and goes out like a **lamb** Because **March** straddles winter and spring in the northern hemisphere, it tends to have very harsh, unpleasant weather in the beginning but typically has milder, more palatable weather by the end.



March



The month of March Has just blown in, To say that Spring Will soon begin.

March roars in like a lion, With a bluster and a slam! And tiptoes out gently Like a quiet little lamb. If you read the February Board minutes in last month's newsletter, you may have noticed that we will be incurring an eight percent water rate increase beginning this April.

Now, you might think this doesn't matter because you don't pay your water bill, but it does matter. A lot. Because we all pay for water use in our monthly fees.

What can you do to help conserve water and keep our water bills in check?

**Fix a Leak Week, March 15-21, 2021**, is the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) annual reminder to check household plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, or the amount of water needed to wash 270 loads of laundry, or wash 370 average-sided cars. According to the EPA, 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. That means for our community, there could be as many as 50 units wasting 4,500 gallons of water a day. Common types of leaks are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few dollars, tools and hardware.

You can identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.) Check your faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for surface leaks.

Beyond checking your plumbing, you might want to think about how much water you use, and where you can save water resources. On average, American families use more than 300 gallons of water per day at home, and about 70 percent of this use occurs inside your home. More than half of all indoor water use occurs in the bathroom. You can save water by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving, and replacing old showerheads with low-flow ones. Showers use less water than baths.

Tips for the kitchen include plugging your sink or using a dish basin when hand washing dishes, and only running the dishwasher when it's fully loaded. Using a dishwasher is almost always more efficient than washing your dishes by hand. Scrape plates instead of rinsing before loading into the dishwasher. A pitcher of drinking water stored in your refrigerator provides instant cold water instead of running the faucet until the water is cool.

Thaw frozen food in your refrigerator overnight rather than running water over the food. In your laundry room, wash only full loads of laundry or be mindful of the correct water level for the size of your wash load. If you wash your car, use a hand-held nozzle that turns off when not in use.

Saving water starts in your home. Please help keep conserve water use





#### **Benevolent Fund**

We live in a very caring community & our Benevolent Fund provides a bit of comfort. Please contact Barb Kibler with death notices of residents in Phase V.

We are in need of donations for this fund, please think of donating \$5 or \$10 to help keep it going. Call 231-818-0162







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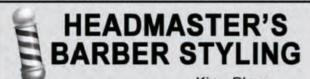
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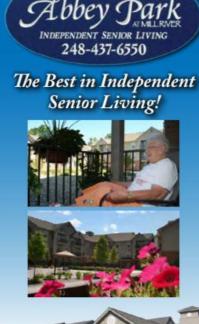


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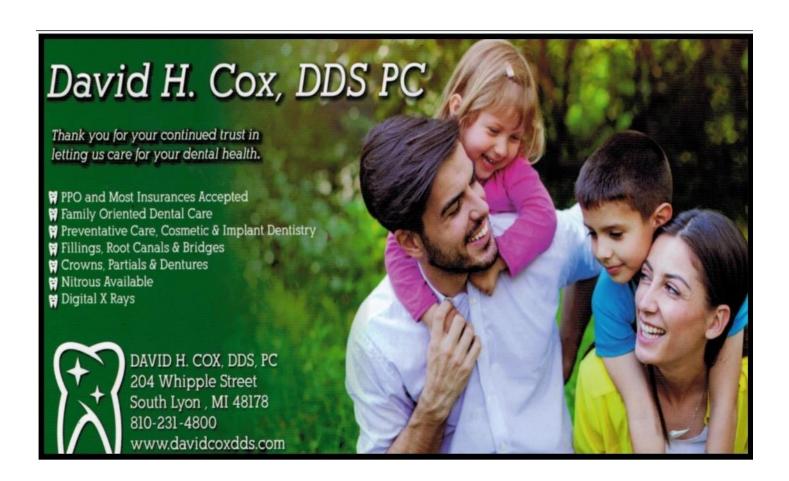
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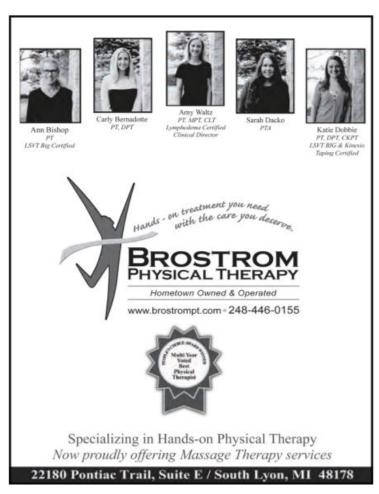
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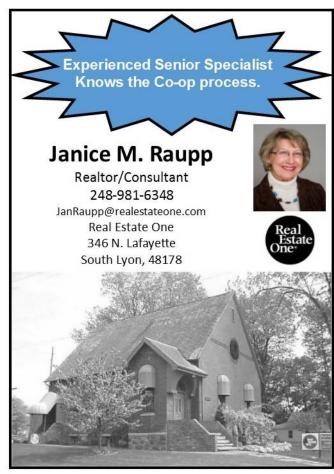






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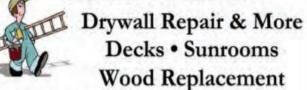


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