



PHASE V NEWSLETTER

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**Chili Cook off
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Warm a cold winters day with a fun time at our "Chili Cook off". Have a great meal and enjoy visiting with neighbors.

Would you like to win for the best chili? There will be First, Second and Third place winners. Cash prizes will be awarded. The winners will be chosen by attendees voting on their favorite.

If you don't want to participate in the contest then come and enjoy the selection of different chili's and watch the competition. Help choose the favorite chili by voting. Cost to enjoy a delicious chili meal is only \$5 each.

If you wish to participate in the contest complete the form below to enter. Place your entry form in the Clubhouse suggestion box (that is the box mounted on the clubhouse hall wall that is the wood stained box). Then bring your chili to the event.

YES, I want to enter the Chili Cook off. I will bring my chili to be entered in the cook off on Saturday, February 17th.

Name _____

Phone _____

Place this entry form in the Clubhouse Suggestion box by February 14th.

Colonial Acres Phase V Meeting Minutes 12.13.2017

Call to order

C. Christianson called to order the regular meeting of the Colonial Acres Phase V, Inc. at 6:05 pm on 12/13/2017 at CAV clubhouse.

Roll Call All present except B. Charles who was excused.

Approval of minutes from last meeting- Approved – available in Newsletter.

Financial Report for November 2017 – Jim Reuschlein

J. Reuschlein gave the financial report for November and the report was approved.

Management Report – Jim Reuschlein, Clearview Property Management Services

The Rules and Regulations were updated to address ongoing issues with unregistered and inoperable vehicles.

Maintenance of wood on building exterior siding is costing more and more each year. – The savings long term if replaced with vinyl siding. Would require a contract and pay a down payment of \$200,000. Every unit in the community would pay within 9 months each month an additional \$450.00, or \$50.00 per month. If the member pays this amount before April 1, 2018 they will receive a \$25.00 discount. Wood buildings with sunrooms would pay an additional \$1,000 or \$111.11 a month. Prepaid accounts will receive a discount. If the member pays this amount before April 1, 2018 they will receive an additional \$25.00 discount.

Discussion: C. Christianson communicated that the property/board has been working on this for a long time. This topic has been reviewed over the years and if we would have done the project in 2006 we would have saved half of the amount of the cost we are now having to pay.

Current cost of wood is costing everyone 10% of your carrying cost. The expectation is to pay off the loan with money from the existing carrying charges. A member said that they live in a vinyl building and do not think they should have to pay for wood buildings. It was explained that they are currently paying for the increasing cost of replacing and repairing the wood buildings. It was also explained that sharing costs is part of living in a Cooperative. A Member asked if anyone on the Board or the management company had an identity of interest with the contractor. The answer was no. A member asked what the life expectancy of the vinyl siding was. 40 plus years.

Out of the 42 members present overwhelmingly the membership was in favor of moving forward with the project.

The motion to move forward with the siding project was unanimously approved (including B. Charles).

Dick Biskner informed people that soliciting is still happening, but you do not have to tolerate it. Call the police as I did on a man wanting to know if I am buying windows. The police came, ticketed him and it was done.

Adjournment C. Christianson adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Colonial Acres Phase V Clubhouse Meeting Notes December 12, 2017

Came to order at 9:30

Gloria presented treasurer's report, Auction receipts, fundraisers, and rentals are good. Report was accepted by committee.

Deanne reported that there were 69 people at the Monday coffee hour last month. The new coffee pots are working great!

Debra, gave report on the painting and hall carpeting. She's gotten quotes for the paint for main room to present to the board.

Carpet was installed last Thursday.

We will ask about a new snow dissolving medium, John mentioned the gumminess of the one we use getting stuck on shoes and tracked indoors!

Connie mentioned that there are to be no more nails, tacks or anchors on our freshly painted walls, as it cost to repair the holes left there! Paint \$1,045. Carpet \$700.00

Craft show cleared 289.00, Connie reported we have room for more crafters. we are in need of more help with the bake sale and pizza lunch for future craft shows.

Security cameras are functional. John McGraw needs a monitor for it ,but has it on phone.

John has an idea for a monitor cubicle in clubhouse ,being discussed

More cameras outside are needed around parking lot as well.

Motion detector light is being discussed for the electrical room.

We need to move one trash receptacle to the garage, for more access in the mechanical room.

Laura gave report on New Year's Party, D.J. is set up and ready to go! Laura sold 13 tickets ,

John and Laura have more for sale. Its \$10.00 for tickets, bring a dish to pass, and B.Y.O.B.!!

Cleaning Schedule is on Thursdays afternoons from 12:00 - 4:00. Please refrain from using the clubhouse during those hours so our cleaning professional can do her job as well as possible!

Future events fundraisers and ideas are needed!

Suggested is New neighbor welcome twice a year, trying to find a new Welcome agenda. So people still working will have a chance to attend one.

Chili Cook-off Contest is being put together by Patti and Debra. February 17 ,from 3--5:00 .

There will be an entry form for contestants. Three cash prizes will be presented to the winners!

Tickets are \$5.00, to come and eat.

We will be extending this invitation to Phases 1-4 as well.

Deanne reported that the Girl Scouts did caroling at 7 homes! And are willing to do this again for members next year!!

Phases 1-4 need to know not to put their maintenance fees in our drop box! Property manager Kelly cannot process those for residents in phases 1-4 !!!

We will invite Bruce from Phases 1-4 ,to our next meeting, for his thoughts and ideas on fundraisers as he's very successful in his social events!!

Meeting adjourned at 10:45

Letter from the Clubhouse Chair

As we begin the new year how about a resolution to become more involved in our Colonial Acres community by participating in meetings or maybe even lending your talents by volunteering? We are very welcoming.

Surely there are a lot of good ideas and suggestions out there!! You will become acquainted with fellow residents and possibly even have some fun!! You will also come to understand how a co-op functions.

Achieving a more inclusive environment in our co-op will benefit everyone.

Sincerely,
Connie Williams

Battery Recycle Program

There is a box located in the coat closet of the Clubhouse labeled "Recycle Batteries" for our use. Denise Semion has agreed to monitor this program and properly dispose of these items. Let's all do our part in helping keep our great planet a safe place to live. Every little bit helps, recycle.



Help take down decorations and join the Pizza Party. January 14th at 3pm. We will take down all of the holiday decorations and enjoy a little pizza and pop. Come and help and enjoy some pizza, while it lasts.

Clubhouse Improvements and Volunteering

You may have noticed the new look of the entry hall at the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse Committee held several fun events and worked very hard to raise the funds for this update. The next time you are there be sure to check it out and see what all our hard work accomplished.

The Clubhouse Committee is very committed to making positive improvements to our community. The upkeep and improvement to the clubhouse and grounds is very important to our property values. The Clubhouse has suffered some long time neglected repairs and updates. The events are planned to create a warm inviting atmosphere to enjoy our neighbors while raising funds to help with these minor repairs and upkeeps.

Let's make this the year that we all excel at volunteering in our very own community. It really is fun to help with the planning, execution and enjoyment of the events. Help us make this a year to remember "**2018 THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER**". More to come on this movement in future newsletters.

Your comments and ideas are appreciated. Please submit written ideas in the Suggestion box in the Clubhouse. Or call Connie or I to have a chat.

Have a wonderful 2018! Hope to see you around the Clubhouse!

Co-Chair
Debra Staebler

Bits & Pieces

Get your flu shots.

Clubhouse Rentals Contact Katy Kay at 248 207-7348 to reserve the Clubhouse for your special event.

Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month, at 11am.

Please control your dogs barking when put outside early mornings.

No coffee January 1st.



In Memory

Charles Page

Clubhouse Rentals & Events

Saturday, January 6 R

Saturday, January 13 R

Saturday, February 17
Chili Cookoff

R = Rental

Benevolent Fund

Our Benevolent Fund provides a bit of comfort when things are down. Please contact Judy Keeling or Char Elliot with death notices of residents in Phase V.

Call 231 818-0162

Dot's Recipe Saltine Cracker Toffee

40 saltine crackers
1 cup unsalted butter
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 cups chocolate or semi-sweet chocolate chips
3/4 cup chopped pecans

Pre-heat oven to 400. Line a Cookie sheet or jelly roll pan with crackers. In a small pan combine sugar and butter & bring to a boil, continue boiling for 3 minutes. Mix should be a deep caramel color. Immediately pour pot over crackers & spread. Cover completely. Bake for 5 to 6 minutes.

Book Club

Happy New Year residents of Colonial Acres! Remember to mark your calendars for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. We meet at the clubhouse for a rousing discussion of books. This activity was one of the highest requests on the survey taken this Fall so let's have a great turn out in 2018. We hope to see all of you book lovers at the January meeting on Tuesday the 23rd where everyone can discuss the books they've recently read. Put on your thinking caps and come with an idea to name our group; i.e. Book Ends, The Bookies, Book Worms, whatever you can think of and then we'll vote. See you there!



Haiku submitted by Gloria Poirier

The book read silent
Images become alive
Quiet joy inside

January Birthdays

- 2..Joan Spencer
- 3..Denise Catt
- 3..Alice Ciszewski
- 3..Ron Makowski
- 4..Dave Smith
- 4..Wally Tomiuk
- 7..Dottie Saunders
- 8..Eileen Cowen
- 8..Kathy Pemberton
- 9..Linda Walpole
- 10..Nico Akemann
- 10..Michael Livingstone
- 10..Kathy Waker
- 16..Christine Lavin
- 17..Susan Leu
- 17..Sherry Park
- 17..Angie Spitzig
- 18..Jack Hay
- 19..Shirley Estes
- 19..Georgette Rose
- 20..Doug Fox
- 20..Debbie Mcginniss
- 20..John Nickoloff
- 20..Don Rickard
- 23..Phyllis Powloski
- 24..Margaret Banaitis
- 24..Frank Hoskins
- 24..Joyce Kemp
- 24..Michael Pehrson
- 24..Barbara Tognetti
- 25..Irene Lindgren
- 25..Marita Neal
- 25..Catalina Stadwick
- 27..Norma Mcneill
- 27..Charles Page
- 28..Sue Dull
- 28..Janet Johnson
- 28..Mary Ann Merritt
- 28..Carl Womack
- 29..Ann Marie Polasky
- 31..Larry Teahen



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Sunshine Corner

* Help bring a ray of sunshine to a neighbor who may need a
 * get well word. Dottie Saunders and Faith Phee will send a
 * card to lift the spirits of those who have not been feeling
 * well. But you have to help by letting these ladies know who
 * needs a note that says we care. Call Dottie at 248 446-4005
 * or Faith at 313 418-0067.

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New Phone Numbers
 Ruth Millen 810-844-9841
 Send changes to John McGraw

Neighborhood Watch

It was reported that a resident was walking in the marked walk area along Heritage on Thanksgiving Day and was bumped and harassed by a car of young people. This older man was hit intentionally by the car, thankfully he was not injured but this was a very dangerous encounter. It is very important that these type of incidents be reported to the police immediately. Please residents you must report these incidents to the police. The next person may not be as lucky as you and be very severely injured.

Cleaning Schedule

Please Note the cleaning lady cleans the clubhouse on Thursdays between 12 and 4. Please try not to use the clubhouse during this time.

Say Hello To...

Douglas and Mary Ellen Heath 61961 Yorktown
 Lynn Ann Weber 25887 Lexington

Kim's Corner Recent Activity

DOWN	62070 Arlington Circle Unit#5	\$115,900
NEW	62290 Arlington Circle Unit#1	\$125,000
PEND	61331 Heritage Boulevard	\$74,320
SOLD	61961 Yorktown Drive Unit#5	\$120,000
SOLD	25887 Lexington Drive Unit#6	\$120,000

Happy New Year!

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Your 2018 Resolution: Get Up and Get Out It's a new year. And, if you want to consider a 2018 getaway as more than just a stroll to the pool starting Memorial Day, you may want to step out of your comfort zone and look at the following quick, easy ways to enjoy your time in Michigan when it's warm again.

And believe it or not, this is the time for you to climb out of hibernation mode and start searching for a way to take yourselves and/or the grandkids out on a mini adventure or two that may be a step or two out of your comfort zone. It'll also be a way to get the grandkids away from their videogame controllers and phone screens to discover there is life beyond being plugged in 24/7. A real one, in fact. And, it's a way for you to rediscover and plug back in to the outdoors, and life outside Colonial Acres. The reason I'm talking about this in winter is that many campgrounds and such book early, beginning now, at least six months away from warm weather. The busiest fill quickly, so the faster you get going, the more likely you'll be successful, and on the way to reawakening your adventurous spirit.

Here are some ideas:

--You may not know that you don't have to go camping to stay at most Michigan state parks and recreation areas. That includes some nearby like Brighton and Pinckney recreation areas, as well as some city parks. For instance, go to Pinckney Recreation Area and rent a cabin on Bruin Lake, near Gregory, about 20 miles southwest of your recliner. Your cabin is typical of what's available statewide, with two bedrooms furnished with bunk beds and a double bed, along with a small kitchen with microwave, fridge and coffee maker, and of course that all-important fire ring outside for evening campfires and marshmallow roasting. That also means bring a grill. Or, inquire if there is one adjacent, so all you need is charcoal. Or, take'em out to some of the area's nearby restaurants, including those at Hamburg—yes, you can buy a hamburg in Hamburg—in Pinckney, or even near Gregory. Cost is \$86 a night, plus your recreation passport admission to the rec area.

Other parks have everything from group cabins for up to 20—perfect for a small reunion—to yurts, which are circular tent or hard-side buildings. Some even offer rental pop-up campers. You provide the fun. For more information on these easy ways to camp without camping, search on your computer for Michigan state park cabin camping.

-- Seeking an uncommon travel experience? The Tawas Point Lighthouse Keeper Program offers the opportunity for a free two-week stay in historic lighthouse keepers' quarters while helping to promote the history and preservation of the site. The application period to participate in the program this year is now open. The program offers combined vacation and service opportunities for adults from May 16 to Oct. 16. If you're selected to be volunteer lighthouse keepers, you'll get lodging in the restored keepers' quarters next to the 1876 Tawas Point Lighthouse in Tawas Point State Park. That's along Lake Huron north of Bay City, about 2-1/2 hours from your condo, if you don't know. In exchange, you'll do roughly 35 hours of services each week in and around the historic lighthouse that attracts visitors from all over the world.

It is Flu Season

Flu season is here and the flu is very contagious. Please be courteous and mindful if you are not feeling well, don't go out and infect others. Always cough into your bent arm at your elbow. Do not cover your cough with your hand, this is a common error. As children we were told to cover our mouth, but research has proven that using your hand spreads germs. Give yourself time to recover from any illness before joining others in group events. Drink lots of water and there is nothing like good ole chicken noodle soup to help your body recover. Have a safe and healthy new year.



JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NEW YEARS DAY NO COFFEE 12:30 Card Party Bridge 7 pm Card Party Poker 7 pm Card Party Euchre	2 Garbage Pickup 1:00 pm Billiards 7 pm Card Party Holdem	3 10:00am needlework 7:00 pm Billiards	4 10:45 am Line Dance 2pm Buckboard 7 pm Card Party Euchre	5 7:00:pm Bible Study	6 RENTAL
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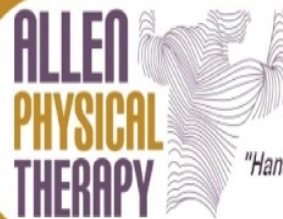
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