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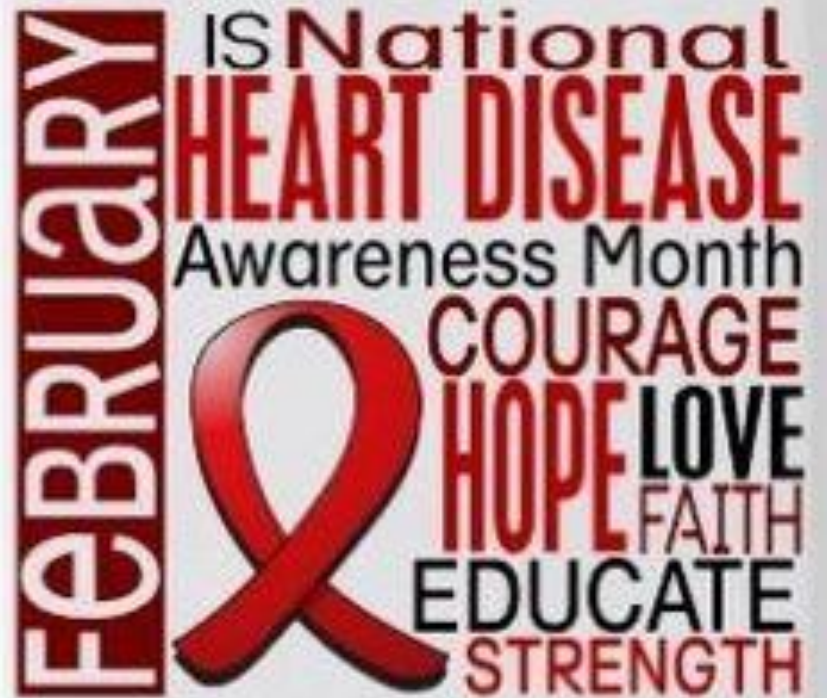
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Newsletter deadline to submit items is the 15th of each month.



CLUBHOUSE KEY CARDS ARE BEING MAILED

Sometime this month all members will receive one key card to the clubhouse. The cards will be mailed to the member of record for the unit, watch your mail boxes.

These cards will get you in the two new front doors. Side doors have been re-keyed & keys are issued to Board Members only.

Colonial Acres Phase 5 Board Minutes 1-13-2021 Virtual Meeting

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

1. **A motion to approve the financial report** was made by Cindy C and was seconded by Katy K. Susie B requested some expenses be move to the Board operating expenses from the Clubhouse operating expenses. All approved the motion.
2. **A motion to approve the management report** was made by George B and seconded by Cindy C. **All approved** the motion.
3. **A list of the 2021** Board Meetings can be found on the website.

4. **OLD BUSINESS –**
 - a) In accordance with the government mandates, the Clubhouse will open March 1, 2021. We will start off with small groups. Each group will have a leader. The leader will be responsible for completing the Covid Checklist. This will include enforcing government mandates and sanitizing the Clubhouse. Please contact Susie B if you are interested in using the Clubhouse.
 - b) Unfortunately we cannot set up a Covid 19 Vaccination Day at the Clubhouse. Oakland County will not allow it.
 - c) The new entry cards will be mailed to members in February. Due to the cost of the card, the additional key will cost \$10. Lost or replacement cards will cost \$25.00. A motion to allow 2 keys to the owner of the unit, with the additional card costing \$10 was made by Susie B. Katy K seconded the motion. All approved the motion. A Key Committee will be keying the second card. Keying additional card dates and time to follow. If you cannot get to the Clubhouse for your additional card, contact Susie B.
 - d) South Lyon water increase will begin in April. Rates are no longer classified by residential or corporate. Now the classification is determined by the size of the pipes. Ours is 1 ½ inch. It will be an 8% increase in water and sewer. Please see the website for further information. http://www.southlyonmi.org/departments/dpw-department_of_public_works/water_department.php.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Comcast is in our complex doing site visits. Please review our website so you know what internet, channels and streaming you want. Comcast will be reaching out to you soon!
 - b) The electric car charging stations are being discussed. Credit card stations may be created in the future. **IF YOU DO HAVE AN ELECTRIC CAR, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT PLUGGED IN OVER NIGHT. THE CORD IS A TRIPPING HAZARD AND THE SNOW SHOVELERS MAY DAMAGE THE CORD ACCIDENTALLY.**
 - c) A committee was formed to inspect the Clubhouse electrical and plumbing for improvements. Costs for other improvements are being reviewed.
 - d) The Clubhouse rental form is being reviewed. There may be a cost increase and checklists in the future.

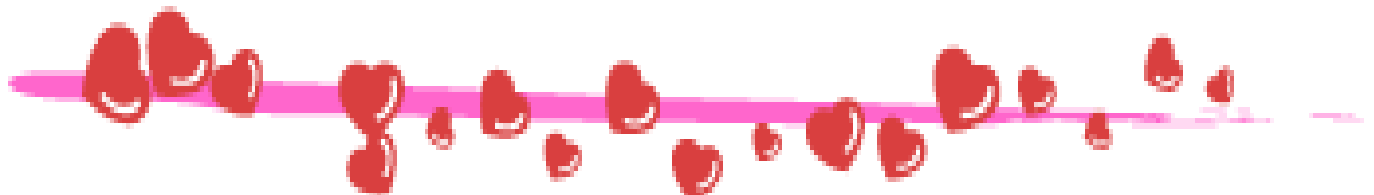
- e) The Clubhouse camera system is being reviewed. Katy K, Sue Brock and Bill C will now be monitoring.
- f) Bill C, Stacy K, New Clubhouse Treasurer and Susie B will form a committee to streamline the Clubhouse finances.

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OR ITEMS

- a) Please be respectful of your neighbors. 111-3 is having unauthorized people parking in her parking spaces.
- b) NO ONE SHOULD BE PARKING ON THE SIDEWALK OR GRASS!!
- c) Clubhouse passed the fire inspection on 1-14-21.

Meeting closed at 2:21 pm by Bill Charles.

Minutes submitted by Susie Brock



FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Hopefully, all are well as we go into February and more winter weather to endure. The Board is looking at opening the Clubhouse in March if COVID-19 restrictions by the State allow. When we do open it will be limited to start and as circumstances allow, we will have more events. We also hope to have a Board meeting in March at the clubhouse. The South Lyon Fire Marshall conducted the annual fire inspection of the clubhouse in January with zero findings.

Sometime this month all members will receive one key card to the clubhouse. The cards will be mailed to the member of record for the unit. If you are a renter, you will have to request the card from the member you rent from. The Board has authorized that each unit may receive a second key card at cost, \$10, if so desired. This second card can only be requested by the member of record. No more than two cards per unit will be issued. Any lost or stolen card will cost the member \$25 to replace.

Every winter it seems we have issues with parking. Please review in this newsletter information on parking. All it takes is to simply follow the rules.

If you are one that likes to take walks after dark, please be cognizant of walking behind other units. Some members get nervous if they see people walking right outside the back of their units. Please, after dark put some distance from you and the back of buildings as you walk. Further, if you feel someone is out to cause problems or is suspicious call 911 and report it to the police.

As always, if you have any issues for the Board feel free to contact my or any Board member and we will be happy to take your concerns before the Board of Directors. **Happy Valentine's day!** 2

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

	ANNUAL BUDGET	* CURRENT MONTH * BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	* YEAR TO DATE * ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)
INCOME:						
5110 Carrying Charges	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 161,857	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 1,910,981	\$(9,019)
5410 Interest Income	100	8	2	100	46	(54)
5534 Clubhouse Committee Income	0	0	5,795	0	34,494	34,494
5548 Special Assessments	0	0	0	0	0	0
5550 Late Charges	2,000	167	1,036	2,000	1,422	(578)
5552 N S F Check Charges	200	17	0	200	305	105
5554 Legal Fee Recovery	2,230	186	0	2,230	516	(1,714)
5555 Member Violations	0	0	0	0	100	100
5558 Member Repairs	400	33	0	400	0	(400)
5570 Insurance Recovery	0	0	0	0	0	0
5580 Transfers From Reserve Funds	52,770	0	0	52,770	228,175	175,405
5590 Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 1,977,700	\$ 160,411	\$ 168,690	\$ 1,977,700	\$ 2,176,039	\$ 198,339
EXPENDITURES:						
6200 Land Lease	\$ 752,380	\$ 62,698	\$ 63,400	\$ 752,380	\$ 751,589	\$(791)
6300 Administrative Expenses	93,600	7,417	10,447	93,600	98,824	5,224
6400 Operating Expenses	195,400	7,767	555	195,400	184,727	(10,674)
6500 Maintenance & Repair Expenses	658,100	52,158	38,943	658,100	739,443	81,343
6600 Community Facility	7,300	25	5,533	7,300	29,465	22,165
6700 Taxes & Insurance	101,400	8,425	8,308	101,400	95,721	(5,679)
7300 Debt Service & Reserves	169,500	7,458	7,461	169,500	324,049	154,549
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 1,977,680	\$ 138,948	\$ 134,647	\$ 1,977,680	\$ 2,223,818	\$ 246,138
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$ 20	\$ 21,462	\$ 34,041	\$ 20	\$(47,779)	\$(47,799)
CASH BEGINNING OF PERIOD			27,918		109,739	
CASH END OF PERIOD			\$ 61,960		\$ 61,960	



Colonial Acres Phase 5

2020 Land Lease figure for Tax reporting.

The annual member portion for 2020 based on the Land Lease cost is **\$1,605.96** per unit.

This figure is calculated using the actual cost of the monthly Land Lease obligation.

Thank you,

Jim L Reuschlein

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2021 FEATURES 3 ECLIPSES, METEOR SHOWERS, JUPITER/MERCURY & more

In 2021, there is a diverse slate of events to look for in the night sky. Some people will lose sleep to see one of the biggest events of the year -- ***the first total lunar eclipse visible from the United States in more than two years.*** This will be followed up by another celestial alignment just two weeks later. Many of these events can be seen without any special equipment like a telescope, although a bit of planning and luck from Mother Nature will be required.

1. **Jupiter-Mercury conjunction - March 5:** The closest planet to the sun is also the most elusive for stargazers to see, but before daybreak on March 5, it will be slightly easier to find, as long as there is a clear view of the eastern horizon. About 45 minutes before sunrise, Jupiter and Mercury will appear extremely close, an astronomical phenomenon called a conjunction. Mercury is often dim and difficult to spot due to its small size and proximity to the sun, but with Jupiter so close, it will not be as difficult to find. Mercury will be positioned just to the left of the solar system's largest planet.
2. **Lyrid Meteor Shower – April 21-22** After a nearly four-month-long drought of meteor showers, shooting stars will finally return to the sky in great numbers in late April. The Lyrid meteor shower peaks on the night of April 21 into early April 22, featuring around 15 to 20 meteors per hour. If cloudy conditions prevail for peak night, stargazers will have to wait only about two more weeks for the **next meteor shower, the eta Aquarids**, which falls on the night of May 4 into the early hours of May 5.
3. **Supermoon – April 26-27** - Several times a year, the full moon appears slightly bigger and brighter than normal, a phenomenon that has gained popularity in recent years due to its nickname: a supermoon. Three supermoons are slated to rise in 2021 with the first shining during the final week of April; however, the difference in size between a supermoon and a 'normal' full moon is almost imperceptible to the unaided eye. Supermoons will also glow in May and June.
4. **Total Lunar Eclipse – May 26** - Arguably the best astronomical event of all of 2021 will take place near the end of May when the sun, Earth and moon align perfectly to create a total lunar eclipse. This will be the first total lunar eclipse visible for most of the U.S. since Jan. 21, 2019. Total lunar eclipses are sometimes called "blood moons" as the moon turns red during the middle of the eclipse. This change in color is actually caused by the atmosphere of the Earth.



Watch for second half of 2021 astronomical events in the June newsletter!!

BITS & PIECES OF INFO



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ACTV	62178 Ticonderoga	Unit #2	\$115,000
PEND	25888 Lexington Dr	Unit #3	\$104,900
PEND	25182 Jefferson Ct	Unit #6	\$125,000
SOLD	25105 Hamilton Ct	Unit #3	\$105,000
SOLD	25832 Lexington Dr	Unit #4	\$115,000
Mary Ketelhut Realtor			



Please add to your phone directories: Joan Sampson, 25127 Jefferson Ct.,



Nico Atkeman passed away December 2020

Htal Potts passed away January 6, 2021



Meet Sophie, Doug & Susie Brock's furry family member. She's helping fluff the laundry in the basket! We all should have a helper like that!

Please send a pic of your pet to be in the newsletter, gj.poirier@gmail.com

If you're a walker you have met a lot of pets on your travels around Colonial Acres. Sometimes we know the pets name better than we know their owners. I've seen a gentleman walking his cute little dog, Harley, around the clubhouse area. I'm sure he told me his name but all I can remember is Harley's name. I call the gentleman "Harley's dad" when referring to him. Maybe this will help us remember who belongs to who around here!

Even tho cats don't go for walks we still want to get to know them!

PARKING RULES

Do not park on the sidewalk or grass. Sidewalks need to be kept open for walkers & snow blowers. Cars will be ticketed if parked in those areas.

Everyone is assigned two parking spaces, guests must park on the street or "guest" parking if you're lucky enough to have a few extra spots on your street. They are marked for "GUESTS" **NOT** for someone's 3rd car. If a spot is marked with a number it belongs to that unit number. Just because the spot may be empty, if it's not your unit number, you cannot park there without that unit's permission. Cars will be towed if reported. Please make sure your guests know the rules.



Your home will soon be powered by Xfinity from Comcast!

How Long Will This Take?

There is a construction phase and an order-taking phase. The orders are taken as we near completion of the construction phase. You will receive more information about when, how, and who to contact to set up your Comcast account. The total project could take up to six months depending on weather and the how long it takes to have permits issued.

What should I do now?

There is nothing you need to do now. You will be given information about when, and who, to call to set-up a Comcast account. The board or the management company will communicate with the current provider.

Bringing Up the Network

Behind the scenes, Comcast is pulling permits, having Miss Dig mark the property, and our contractors are beginning to show up on site to do pre-work. Eventually, you will see boring machines that will push the fiber underground and up to the buildings. If your building is getting new cables to the unit, you may see people closer to your building or on your deck. During this time, you will still be using your current cable provider. You will not “suddenly or unexpectedly” lose service with your current provider. There will be ample notice before this happens.

Repairs to the Property

During construction projects unintended damage may occur on the grounds or around the buildings. The damage to lawns or other parts of the community will be repaired. Please communicate to the property management company if you notice something. Comcast and its partners are committed to repairing and doing no harm to the community.

When Will the Current Provider Be Unavailable?

After the construction is completed and the new services are beginning to be installed, the board or management company will contact the current provider with the final cut-off date. This date will also be communicated to the residents.

The Xfinity logo is displayed in a large, bold, black, lowercase sans-serif font. The 'x' is stylized with a diagonal slash through it.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS:

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING / VIA PHONE CALL 1-7-2021

Susie Brock, Donna Tilley, John McGraw and Patti Dooley participated in the Committee phone call.

- Comcast sign on compensation will enable us to make some Clubhouse improvements. Views on the Clubhouse needs were discussed.
- The Rental Agreement changes will be discussed in the March meeting.
- Mardi Gras or Valentine gathering was discussed. The event will depend on the Covid mandates & weather. Details to follow.
- The Clubhouse elections will be in July with three positions open; Chairperson, Co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. **Get involved!**
- The Board elections will be in the fall with two positions open. Consider running!
- The new card keys for the Clubhouse will be distributed soon. We will post in the Newsletter when the Clubhouse will safely open.

Have a safe and healthy month ahead and Happy New Year!

Minutes presented by Patti Dooley.



Wanted: Pool Manager for Colonial Acres Phase V

If the pool is to open this summer, we need a pool manager or managers to run it on a daily basis. We need someone to be available in early Spring to attend an Oakland County's class in April. At that class, Oakland County will go over all their rules & regulations on how to maintain a

public pool & how to report to Oakland County on a weekly basis.

Please get in touch with the Clubhouse Chair Person, Susie Brock 248-892-5183, to find out more info and/or apply for this position! Remember, this is a co-op & to keep our fees down & our pool & clubhouse open & running we all need to work together.

Keep your eye on this space for updates of improvements to the clubhouse & surrounding areas taking place this Spring



If you have any suggestions for Clubhouse Improvements please call Susie Brock, 248-892-5183 or Gloria Poirier, 734-453-5739 in the next two weeks.

*Sadly, I have to announce that John McGraw is retiring his position as Treasurer from the Clubhouse Committee. I want to thank John for his dedication and time. He is retiring for personal reasons. Now the Cooperative and Clubhouse need a new Treasurer. Please consider becoming our new Treasurer. **Contact Susie Brock if you are interested in the position.***

PRESIDENTS DAY 2021

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Happy
 President's Day



Strange Facts about a few American Presidents

Presidents are much more than the policies they back or the speeches they give. Below are some strange and fascinating facts about a few of America's presidents.

James Madison and his wife, Dolly, helped popularize ice cream in America. Tastes in the treat, however, would be considered questionable today: *chestnut, asparagus, and parmesan* were all on the menu.

William Henry Harrison When a pesky newspaper claimed that Harrison sat in a log cabin and swilled hard cider all day, Harrison didn't fight the libelous claim. He embraced it. Supporters started calling him the "Log Cabin and Hard Cider candidate" and handed out cider and specialty bottles of booze shaped like log cabins.

James Buchanan was considered one of America's weakest presidents, his fence-sitting on the topic of slavery helped set the stage for the Civil War. It was just one of many controversial positions: On the campaign trail, Buchanan argued that a wage of 10 cents was fair for a day's labor. (At the time, most Americans supposedly needed around \$6 a week—or 86 cents a day—to live.) The gaffe earned Buchanan the nickname "10 Cent Jimmy."

Honest Abe was an accomplished wrestler. It's said that, as a young man in Illinois, Lincoln competed in about 300 wrestling contests and lost just one match. In 1830 he was crowned the county's wrestling champion.

Andrew Johnson Lovers of Alaska's mountains and streams have Andrew Johnson and his Secretary of State, William H. Seward, to thank. During Johnson's presidency, Russia sold Alaska to the United States for the price of \$7.2 million ... in gold.

James Garfield, in 1880, attended the Republican National Convention with no intention of running for president. But when the convention stalled, a delegate nominated Garfield as a compromise, and a stream of unexpected votes flooded in. "This honor comes to me unsought," Garfield said. "I have never had the presidential fever, not even for a day ... I have no feeling of elation in view of the position I am called upon to fill."

John F. Kennedy While some politicians use their family's wealth and influence to avoid military service, JFK did the opposite. The young Kennedy suffered from a slew of medical problems that disqualified him from serving, so he employed a fake health certificate from a family doctor to sneak into the armed forces. Kennedy would command a patrol boat and receive a Purple Heart during his tour of the Pacific.

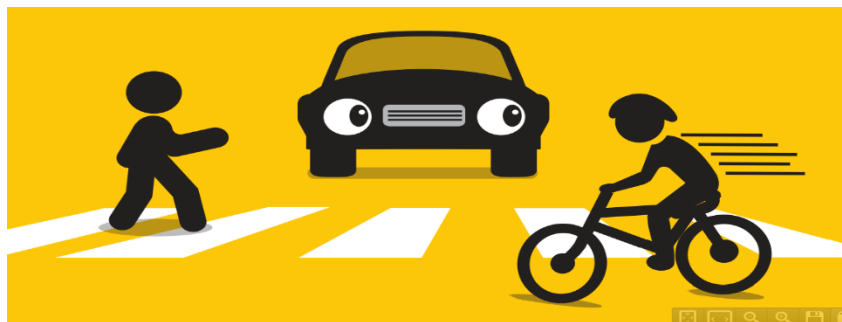
Jimmy Carter, In 1969, saw an unusual object floating in the Georgia sky. It was "very bright, had changing colors, and about the size of the moon." Carter was so confused by the experience that he decided to file a report with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, making him the only U.S. President to file a UFO report.

Geo. H.W. Bush hated broccoli so much that he banned it on Air Force One. "I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it," he said. "And I'm President of the United States, and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli!"

One of the highlights of a drab winter day is looking up at the trees. Now that most leaves have tumbled to the ground, barren trees give us a glimpse of who inhabits them. On a typical walk within Colonial Acres, I can easily see squirrel nests nestled in tree limbs, and recently spotted one large wasp nest hanging from a branch along Heritage Boulevard.

Oak and beech trees cling to their crisp brown leaves into winter, typically releasing them when a storm or strong wind blows them off, long after the maples and other deciduous trees in our midst. Deciduous trees, like oaks, maples and beeches are giant flowering plants. Deciduous means to “fall off,” and deciduous plants, including trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials, are those that lose all of their leaves for part of the year, a process call abscission. Deciduous trees provide a stark contrast to conifers such as pine, fir and spruce, whose green needles can be seen all year, even though they also shed.

Some time ago, I learned the advantage of wearing bright colors on our walks - it’s one of the best ways to be seen by drivers on the road. Too often, I see people wearing black, brown and maroon – colors that easily blend in, especially in low light. White can also be deceiving to drivers on a snowy day. If you don’t have a colorful jacket to wear, try to add a pop of color with a brightly colored hat or scarf. Sometimes it can make all the difference to a driver negotiating the road where you are walking. Please remember, too, to walk against the traffic, as far to the left as possible. Bicyclists should always ride with the traffic.



WALKERS, BIKERS, & CARS FOLLOW SAFETY ETIQUETE ON COLONIAL ACRES ROADS

SPEED LIMIT FOR CARS IS 15MPH

Bill and I recently ventured to Kensington Metropark, where they keep their paved hike/bike trail cleared of snow. I wanted to walk the trails by the Nature Center that day, and soon regretted walking along a slippery, snowy, footpath. Next time we’ll stick to the cleared hike/bike trail.

However you enjoy the outdoors this winter, from your window watching the snow fall to the ground, or outside on a walk, take a break to enjoy the peaceful nature of a winter’s day.



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On Valentine's day we think of those who make our life worthwhile, Those gracious, friendly people who we think of with a smile.

VALENTINE QUOTES

As William Shakespeare said, 'A friend is one who knows who you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still gently allows you to grow.'

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." Mother Teresa

"Love is friendship that has caught fire." — Ann Landers

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