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COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter email: gj.poirier@gmail.com Newsletter deadline to submit items is the 15th of each month.



Spring time means more daylight time! Turn your clocks forward one hour Sunday March 13th

Board of Directors Meeting 2/9/22

Meeting began at 6:00 pm, in attendance: Katy Kay, Mike Giordano, Sue Brock, & Gloria Poirier, absent Bill Aldinger, . Stacey Klaback & Jim Reuschlein represented Clearview Mgt.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- 1. Installation of vinyl continues with buildings 87,88, 84, 85, 86, 89, 90, 102, 103, & 94 will be completed this season. 94 is being completed ahead of 104 due to the fact it is a one-story building & is safer for the contractors during the winter weather. There is one year left for the vinyl siding
- 2. The concrete has been completed for the year at a cost of approx.. \$30,000
- 3. Asphalt is completed for the season at a cost of \$88,516
- 4. Buildings 89, 90, 95, & 148 had their roofs replaced this past year. It will be decided later which four units need roof replacements for this year
- 5. The deck replacement has been completed. Before the pool can open the rest of the fence will be complete separating the pool from the deck area.
- The concreate shoulder separating the pool deck from the pond was repaired at a cost of \$10,284
- 7. The sign installation is completed except for the brick facia which will be completed in the Spring. The anchors for the light poles are being installed & then the lights will be installed. Stacey is working with the individuals who will be operating the sign system
- 8. Goose egg collection & nest destruction has been completed for 2021. This will continue this Spring.

A motion was made to approve the Management Rpt by Katy K., 2nd by Mike G., all approved

FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by Jim Reuschlein

A **motion** was made to approve the financial report by Mike G., 2nd by Katy, all approved.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Motion to approve made by Gloria. and seconded by Katy, approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS –

 Member speaking protocol: Members who want to discuss each issue at hand will be recognized by the Chair & have one chance, with a maximum of 2 minutes, to discuss.
 Everyone who wants to be heard will have one, 2-minute chance, to address the Board. If a member wants another chance to discuss item at hand they can do so at the end of the meeting, time permitting, under Member comments. There will be no talking of Members back & forth who have not been recognized by the Board. Be courteous of all Members & do not discuss topics amongst yourself during the meeting as others cannot hear what's being said.

Discussion:

41-5 I like the open format you have implemented

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Currently we have not received any brown water concerns since the city addressed it. If it comes back call the city directly
- 2. Sue discussed what a great job everyone did moving their cars during the big snow fall in February. No tickets had to be issued during that snowfall. Let's continue to move cars after hearing the horn blown.

Discussion:

101-1 Concerned about all the sidewalks, what walks get snowed shoveled? What about sidewalks on 11 mile

Paul: I've been told by contractor who is building new condos that residents are responsible **64.6** Why should we clear a city sidewalk?

Jim: will check into who's responsible

100-3 Why is so much salt used on the sidewalks?

Jim: Lewis Brothers has so few people who clear sidewalks & they use more salt rather then shovel under 2 inches

3. It was decided not to move the dog stations. This is green common area where many dogs are walked. The stations are green in color & will blend into the green grass. It's better to have a place for them to dispose of dog waste then leave it in the grass.

Discussion:

141-5 I'm a dog walker & I like where the three stations are located

- 4. The South Lyon Fire Department reported that they have a grant awarded by the State of Michigan and Home Depot for 216 smoke detectors and 36 Carbon Monoxide alarms. Anyone in need of a smoke detectors or carbon monoxide alarm should contact them at 248-437-2616 & they will install for free. They also remind residents that all smoke detectors older than 10 years old should be replaced.
- 5. Sue will be out of town until March 3rd. Contact Katy Kay or Mike Giordano Feb 12th thru the 19th for any issues and Bill Aldinger Feb 20th to March 2nd for any issues.

BOARD BUSINESS

Thank you to Mark & Stacey from Clearview for installing the remainder of our clubhouse surveillance cameras. Clearview did this at no charge to Colonial Acres! We now can view most areas inside & outside of the clubhouse to make sure our area is safe.

MEMBER ISSUES:

101-2 Can we have a food pantry to help out residents in need? People could drop off food at the clubhouse for needy residents to pick up. I would volunteer to organize it.

106-4 I like the idea

Sue: We have a lot of Rentals & Activities in the clubhouse & we can not have food stored on our kitchen counters. Residents can contact Active Faith, right in downtown South Lyon, if anyone is in need food or clothing or interested in volunteering.

NOTE: Active Faith provides food on Mondays from 11am-6pm. Drive up, stay in your car and someone will assist. Clothing Closet is open Wed from 10 am to 3 pm. Call 248-437-9790 for appointments. To Donate food, volunteer, or sponsor a fundraiser call 248-437-9790

100-3 How much do we pay for snow & mowing, do we put out bids?

Jim: Yes, we have put out bids. There are very few businesses that offer BOTH shoveling & snow removal.

62-2 I know in the past it was difficult to find a snow removal who does sidewalks also **108-1** Does a pool Manager have to police the pool

Gloria: No, all of us should be letting people know when they are abusing the rules. It is easy to point out the posted rules at the pool. The Pool Mgr. position is a paid position due to the daily need to have someone regulating & maintaining the pool water.

108.1 When are we going to use work orders? *Jim*: has not been implemented yet

64-6 Work order system, can I send a message on that order. *Jim:* you can comment on it. **100-2** I live on Raleigh Ct. & there's a Comcast box in my beautiful common area. This ruins the look of the area. *Jim:* these are common areas where Comcast needs to be able to get to their

cable wires.

77-1 I saw something like an accordion lattice fence with greenery to cover boxes

141-5 I've seen Trotters has bushes around utility boxes.

106-4 Someone put a bench in front of one

Jim: We had to go with Comcast to keep up to date with Technology. WOW told us they were not going to improve their cable & would eventually go to only streaming & dish

Paul: Updating is progress. Will Comcast let us paint it?

Mike G.: We can research it

93-3 We need a 50 gal water heater for our walk-in tub. *Jim:* You can replace your water heater BUT it will not be Colonial Acres responsibility to maintain if you do.

Paul: Make sure you look into an efficiency heater if you go with the 50 gal.

Motion to close meeting was made by Katy & 2nd by Mike, motion was approved,

adjourned at 7:05 pm. Minutes submitted by: Gloria Poirier

From The Board,

Arg! The weather is chilly. Please keep an eye on your pets. Don't let the leash extend while you are walking your dog. Keep your pet by your side for safety. If you wish your pet to roam, consider going to a dog park. Cats are not allowed to roam around either. Please be prompt when picking up your empty trash cans. Do not leave them blowing around. this could be a safety hazard. Also do not put out the recyclables early. If anything blows out of your box, please pick it up.

The water department has been busy working on our brown water situation. It is very important to let them know if you see any brown water.

Remember to call Clearview first for all property management issues

The next Board meeting is March 9th at 1:00 pm, please join us. The Board elections are in September. Please considering running! Thank You, *Susie Brock*, President 3

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VOTE TO ADD MORE FRONT DOOR COLOR CHOICES

Proposal A or B Due April 30th

Drop off or mail to Clubhouse: 25865 Jamestown Ct. S. Lyon

Please cut & fill out this ballot form & return to the clubhouse. There is a ballot box under the large bulletin board at the clubhouse, please put ballot in box or mail to the clubhouse

No one has to change their door color. **(B)** is to keep **only** original colors **(A)** is to add 4 more choices to the already approved colors

NAME

BLDG____UNIT____ FRONT DOOR COLOR

This will be effective **May 1, 2022**. No one has to paint or purchase anything. Vote for Proposal A or B. If you want to choose more colors, pick **only 4**. (If you choose 5 or 6 colors, your color vote will be voided)

Proposal A

Currently the Front Door color choices are white, cream, tan & brown. If you wish to keep these approved choices **& not** add any, vote for Proposal A. This proposal gives Phase V a uniform look

Proposal B

If you want to add four colors to the already approved ones vote for Proposal B. The top 4 of the color choices below will be added to the already approved front door colors. These are Benjamin Moore Colonial colors

CHOOSE: PROPOSAL A _____ or PROPOSAL B _____

| _ Whipple Blue | HC152 |
|----------------|-------|
| Hale Navy | HC154 |
| Cushing Green | HC125 |
| Palace Green | CW520 |
| King's Red | CW335 |
| Bryan Ochre | CW390 |

Vote for no more than four (4) colors

^{*}Unfortunately, our newsletter is only printed in black & white. To view the actual colors check them out on the clubhouse bulletin board or at colonialacresphasev.com **5**



BITS & PIECES OF INFO

| | Mary's Rec | ent Sales: | | |
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| | ACTV | 25831 Lexington Dr | Unit #3 | \$135,000 |
| | ACTV | 25721 Adams Ct | Unit #3 | \$137,000 |
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| | PEND | 25803 Lexington Dr | Unit #6 | \$150,000 |
| | PEND | 25692 Lexington Dr | Unit #6 | \$155,000 |
| | SOLD | 25635 Lexington Dr | Unit #2 | \$130,000 |
| | SOLD | 62178 Ticonderoga | Unit #2 | \$135,000 |
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| 98- 5 | Tomakowski, Kathy | [,] 62512 Raleigh Ct |
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Add new neighbors to your phone directory



DOCUMENT SHEDDING EVENT Saturday, May 14th 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Protect your identity & environment. The South Lyon Library will once again be hosting a community shredding event. SLDL has partnered with American Data Security to provide secure environmently friendly disposal of your private documents. Limit of 4 boxes per vehicle



EUCHRE PLAYERS NEEDED

Monday & Thursday from 7 to 10

Join us at the clubhouse / 50 cents

WELCOME SPRING!!

Spring is just around the corner with warmer weather returning slowly. There will be more walkers & bicyclers on the street. Slow down, speed limit is 15mph, & share the road. Keep everyone safe!



MINUTES CLUBHOUSE MEETING Feb. 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

FINANCIAL: Current checkbook balance is \$28,159.31 of which \$16,000 is our operating reserve.

REMINDERS: Gather for lunch on Wednesday, the 16th, at Lake Street Tavern. Time 1:30 pm.

Discussed the status of the old chairs in the garage, along with the possibility of simply putting them out for the trash pickup.

The balls for our pool table have been accounted for. We are still missing two folding chairs. If you borrowed them, please return them to the clubhouse.

We will not be having a St. Patrick's dinner this year since no one has stepped forward to chair this event.

The committee will be needing a new treasurer in July when elections are held. If you have any interest, please talk to Susie or Katy to see what skill set is necessary for this position. Remember to wipe your feet when you enter the clubhouse so that we can protect our floor.

We still need louder & more persistent horns notifying us when the plow truck is in a particular area. We are directed to move our cars only when the horn sounds. There is no need to move cars the night before as parking spaces are only plowed during the day.

FUTURE: There will be no Therapy Yoga till June. The first two Chair yoga classes in February will be taught by Renee. Susie B. will take over Chair yoga March till June 1st.

Susie B. will be unavailable from Feb. 12th through March 3rd . During this time, please address any questions or concerns go to Donna Tilley, Co-chair.

Watch for cars appearing to be cruising our parking areas. Phase I-IV has had some thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles.

Further research has led to the possibility that we might be better off enhancing or modifying our current tables, as availability of appropriate new tables are rather limited considering our budget.

Watch for a ballot in the newsletter regarding door colors for the units. Proposal A would keep the choices we currently have, while Proposal B would expand our choices allowing four more predetermined colors in addition to those we currently have. Neither proposal would require anyone to paint their door if they didn't want to. Ballots will be due by April 30th .

A Ladies Tea Party has been scheduled for May 20 th . Time will be 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Tickets will be \$5.00. Watch for further details or call Gloria Poirier.

Finally, we give a shout out "thank you" to Stacey from Clearview and her husband Mark for getting our additional new security cameras up and running at no cost to us. THANK YOU BOTH!!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm. Respectfully submitted: Connie Williams

Hello neighbors from the Clubhouse,

We have added more cameras inside and outside the Clubhouse. This is added security. Please do not remove anything from the Clubhouse.

After our delicious Pancake Breakfast on March 5th, venture downtown to see the Carnival the City of South Lyon is putting on.

The reason I moved here was for the Community. There are so many nice people here. I am glad Covid did not change that. Let's set an example by speaking with respect, treating people how you wish to be treated and be a ray of sunshine!

We need people to Volunteer! There are many jobs to fill. The more we volunteer, the less we will have to pay other outside people. Current Volunteers will get burned out. We will have to have their volunteer jobs paid for. This could increase our monthly carrying charge. Consider being the Treasurer.

Look at the front door colors on the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse. We will be voting very soon on the front door colors. Proposal A leaves Phase V Front Doors in a uniform look. The Front Door colors will remain white, cream, tan and brown approved colors. Proposal B will add 4 more colors to the existing approved uniform colors. You can choose 4 of the proposed 6 colors if you wish.

Yoga is moving to Mondays starting April 4th at 11:00. Yoga will remain on Thursdays at 2 for March More good things to come! Susie Brock, Chair



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The South Lyon Fire Department reported that they have a grant awarded by the State of Michigan and Home Depot for 216 smoke detectors and 36 Carbon Monoxide alarms. Anyone in need of a smoke detectors or carbon monoxide alarm should contact them at 248-437-2616 & they will install for free. They also remind residents that all smoke detectors older than 10 years old should be replaced. 8

CLUBHOUSE HAPPENINGS:

Clubhouse meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. **ALL** residents are members of this committee & welcome to come & attend. Bring your ideas to this meeting, soon the warm weather will be here & we'll be thinking about our fun deck parties / potluck dinners.

What more fun activities can happen this summer? Be a part of the planning & decision making of the clubhouse! Put your thinking caps on and come to a meeting.



Saturday March 5th from 9 to 11. Mike & Jayne Giordano and Bill & Barb Aldinger are planning this fun event!! tickets will be \$6 per individual. See the Giordano's or the Aldinger's for tickets

*Sign up sheet to help is on bulletin board

Chair Yoga returns this month, Sue is, our fearless leader while Renee is in Florida. Join her on **Thursdays in March at 2:00** & start limbering up for getting off the couch & outside! In April Yoga will be moving to Mondays at 11:00. Renee will return in June

March 16th at 1:30 anyone who is interested come gather at **Aubree's** in downtown South Lyon. This will be the 3rd fun lunch/get together we've had this year. It's a way to get out of your unit during the cold weather & visit with neighbors & friends.

BYOB is on the Fourth Fridays of the month from 1 to 4. This is a fun get together with friends & neighbors. Bring a snack or lunch along with your beverage of choice. Find out what's going on around Colonial Acres Phase V, see you at the C.H. **March 25th at 1:30**

Ladies Tea Luncheon will be Friday May 20^{th.} Tickets will be \$5.00 for the luncheon, sold in advance. Join us for a "Royal" lunch of tea sandwiches, scones, jam, & a variety of tea flavors. Make sure you have your party hat on. Tickets on sale soon

We still need pool help for the summer if we want to keep the pool open every day. The opening will be here before we know it. We need trained people to make sure it opens on time. If anyone is interested in helping with the pool this summer please contact Katy Kay, 248-207-7348. Let's keep the pool open all summer and not just have it open on certain days or only the weekends!

Thank you to all the members who help make all the monthly fun happen!

Plan a Day Trip in Michigan:

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park 1000 E Beltline Ave NE in Grand Rapids.

The arrival of springtime in Michigan is accompanied by all sorts of natural splendor. From colorful flowers to the thawing blue waters of our Great Lakes, there's plenty to see throughout the state. But there's only one Spring destination here in Michigan that can be described as truly magical, and you'll undoubtedly want to experience it for yourself.

From March 1 through April 30th, visitors to Frederik Meijer Gardens can explore the Fred and Dorothy Fritcher "Butterflies Are Blooming" event. This is no ordinary butterfly house. When you step inside the gorgeous conservatory you'll be entering the nation's largest temporary tropical butterfly exhibition. Marvel at butterflies of all colors and varieties as you stroll among the lovely foliage. With 7,000 butterflies, this exhibition is like nothing you've ever seen before.

The temperature in the conservatory is set at 85 degrees for the duration of the exhibition, so you'll certainly want to hang up your coat before heading inside! There are 50 breathtaking species of butterfly to observe during your time inside the conservatory. From Emperor Swallowtails to Yellow Longwings, there's no telling what you'll spot. For many Michiganders, a visit to the "Butterflies Are Blooming" exhibition is a true family tradition. The program is now in its 23rd year of operation!

Sometimes butterflies may even land on you! Let them be and enjoy the rare close encounter. But be careful they don't hitch a ride with you as you exit the conservatory!



Eat at the James & Balk Café & stop at the gift shop before you head home.

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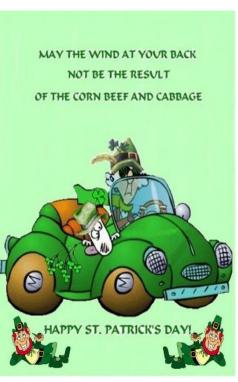
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Saint Patrick regrets his decision to drive the snakes out of Ireland.





St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick in the fifth century. St. Patrick's Day is officially observed on the 17th throughout the country as a celebration of Irish culture.

Here's a fun fact: Ireland was formerly associated with the color blue. So, <u>why do we</u> <u>wear green on St. Patrick's Day</u>? In the 1500s, Henry the VIII claimed himself to be king of Ireland & had a blue flag. When the divide between the British power & the Irish people grew, green became a symbol of Irish nationalism. Ireland wanted to separate themselves from Britain, so green was the color of their rebellion. Another reason green replaced blue was because of Ireland's nickname, *The Emerald Isle*, and it may also have something to do with the color of the shamrock symbol.





The phrase "In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb" refers to the notion that the month of March usually starts off with the continuation of cold winters (aggressive like a lion) and ends with warmer, spring-like weather (soft like a lamb). March straddles the winter and spring timeline, so the idiom is the perfect way to describe the change in weather during the month.











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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | 1 1-5 Billiards 7:00 Texas Hold em | 2 10-12 Sewing 7 PM Billiards | 3 12:00 C.H. Meeting 2:00 Chair Yoga | 4 7:00 Texas Hold em | 5 |
| 6 | 7 8:30am Coffee hr 7 pm Euchre | 8 1-5 Billiards 7:00 Texas Hold em | 9 10-12 Sewing 1:00 Board meeting 7 PM Billiards | 10 2:00 Chair Yoga 7 pm Euchre | 11 RENTAL | 12 RENTAL |
| 13 Change your clock, | 14 8:30am Coffee hr 7 pm Euchre | 15 RENTAL **Newsletter deadline** | 16 10-12 Sewing 1:30 Aubree's St. Patty's Day FUN | 17 2:00 Chair Yoga 7 pm Euchre | 18 7:00 Texas Hold em | 19 RENTAL |
| 20 First Day of March 20 | 21 8:30am Coffee 7 pm Euchre | 22 1-5 Billiards 7:00 Texas Hold em | 23 10-12 Sewing | 24 2:00 Chair Yoga 7 pm Euchre | 25 BYOB 1-4 at CH 7 pm – Bible Study | 26 |
| 27 | 28 8:30am Coffee 7 pm Euchre | 29 1-5 Billiards 7:00 Texas Hold em | 30 10-12 Sewing | 31 2:00 Chair Yoga 7 pm Euchre | | |