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March 17th

St. Patrick Dinner

Doors Open 5:30 - Dinner Served 6:00

Traditional Irish Dinner

50/50 & Door Prize

Tickets Pre-sale Until 3/14/23 (\$12)



Colonial Acres Phase V Minutes 2-8-2022 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6pm

In attendance: Gloria Poitier, Judy Keeling, Judy Stephens, Mike Giordano, Jim Reuschlein and Stacy Klabak from Clearview, Katy Kay, absent

Management Report – Jim Reuschlein

motion to approve the management report. Judy 1st - Mike 2nd - Approved

Financial Report for January 2023 – Jim Reuschlein

Water increase has pushed the expense up, low snow removal has helped that line item. A motion to approve the financial report, Judy Keeling 1st – Judy Stephens 2nd, Approved

Approve Minutes - Motion to approve January minutes from last meeting. Approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Snow Removal – Gloria, so impressed with the activity and people getting out there & making it happen. Ninety eight percent of members move their cars, thank you! The rest of you need to move your cars or be towed. We are charged if the tow truck has to come back & plow. This could make our maintenance fee go up if we have more snow falls! #87 – I do not hear the horn at all. *Gloria* – *No one should depend on a horn. If you know snow is coming you need to be prepared.*

Member – What time in the morning? *Gloria* – *it is in the rules to be ready to move cars* by 8 am. If the tow truck has to come back because cars did not move we are charged. What is the guideline on the snow? If it is more than 2 inches they will plow. Price is based on a per push

Mike – I have to knock on doors to get people to move cars. People need to understand the plow drivers don't wait for you to move.

64-6 – Mike was out there by 7:30am and did not get back till after 11. Volunteers should not have to be the car police. *Judy Keeling – the cost to come back is still a significate amount of money.*

139-5 Cost of towing is \$100 to \$150 and it is on your dime. It is worth moving your car.

Safety – Gloria - Be aware and watch out for your neighbors. We have had a couple of concerns recently.

Garbage - Gloria P. Put out the night before after 5pm. Where should the garbage be put, sidewalk, street, or grass? *Jim* – *Keep it off the sidewalks and along the curb or grass closest. Judy K* – *Be mindful to not block ramps.*

117-1 – We have a problem because we have 2 buildings trying to put trash out and now, we have a handicap ramp. **Judy K** – if you have an electric wheelchair, you have the right to have accessibility to get off the sidewalk.

117-1 Any designated areas? Most people find out when they move in and neighbors tell you where they put theirs. *Gloria* – you can adjust amongst your neighbors to accommodate. *Judy K* – you can also put across the street.

NEW BUSINESS

Pool Staffing - Paid position – from May through September. You need to be willing to actually learn how to do the chemicals. & proper care of a pool. We need everyone to sign in so we can adjust the chemicals based on pool use. Contact Katy Kay if you are interested in applying for this position. It's best if 2 or 3 people share this job for the summer.

102-4 Doug, it is a lot of work and for \$25 per day you need to increase it. Need to up the pay. *Gloria* – We did up it this year (\$30 a day), it is a daily commitment, that's why it is best if 2 or 3 people share the job.

New Pool Sign – The new large sign will be put up on the fence by deep end of pool

Electronic stations – Mr. Semion 65-6

I have been concerned with us keeping up with the EV or ICE vehicles for the future. The GM target to end 2030 and Ford is 2025 to go all electric. 90% of new ads feature EV cars. The cost is about \$10,000 each not the higher rate previously stated. We need to look at what we can do to keep the value of these homes. If people can't plug in they may not want to live here.

Currently there is a rebate on one charger for \$7500 to a complex. Having people have cords to plug in a 220 line across the sidewalks and parking lots will be more of a problem for snow plowing.

81-1 The cost of electric vehicles are \$60,000 *Mr. Semion* – the state is giving rebates to offset the cost.

Level 1 120 amp, level 2 is a 220/240 amp. You can sit it traffic for 24 hours or more on a charge.

- 81-1 I will be long gone by then.
- **141-5** I have had two Volts and it takes a lot more electricity and I do not understand what you want.
- **67-2** I am new to the community, and I have to say I agree 100% that when something is coming and you can't stop it. It is coming if you agree or not. We need to have the infrastructure in place. I am happy to help on this.
- **Mr. Semion** the incentives are going to get better. New technology is working on better batteries and making the process easier.
- **Jim Reuschlein** we have invited the utility companies and sources to see what our options are. Cost, liability and location.
- 67-2 I have a hybrid vehicle
- **64-6** What will the cost to us be? Will it be used by credit card and what about the line up if we don't have enough?
- **72-4** Charging takes 20 minutes, it will get better a few years down the road. Why not wait at Costco like we do gas and not have to pay for it.
- **62-2** I don't want a station by me or worry about people coming in off the street to use the stations. We have lots of stuff that is more important to take care of. **Gloria** –I have reached out to a contractor & he is referring a local person to me to look at our place & give us an idea of feasibility & costs. The Board is not ignoring it but will research, report back& & possibly create a committee to continue investigation.

MEMBER REQUEST:

139-5 – Pancake breakfast on Feb 18. *Mike* – *No tickets being sold. 9:00am \$7.* Superbowl is BYOB if you would like to join us. 6:30pm. St. Patty's dinner tickets on sale.

Gloria closed the meeting at 6:58 pm Minutes submitted by Stacy M. Klabak

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FROM THE BOARD,

We've made it thru winter, so far, without many snowfalls which is always good for our budget. Knock on wood & hope I haven't jinxed our luck. Although in the past we have had snow in March & April it usually is followed by warmer days & rain. I'm looking forward to the smell of wet dirt & robins scrounging for worms.

Soon Clearview will be doing their Spring walk thru to see what the neediest work is to be done this year. Jim will let us know what the planned major projects are for the coming year soon. We will be continuing our goose egg destruction plan with the DNR this Spring. As you are walking around the complex & you see any goose nests with eggs in them, please let Jim or a Board member know where they are. We will be collecting & destroying these eggs on the dates the DNR allows us. As you know, this is one of the best ways to eventually reduce our goose population.

I'd like to thank the Clubhouse Committee for all the fun plans they have for the coming year. The live entertainment in January was a BIG hit & an "Oldies" party is planned for April. Our annual St. Patrick's dinner is finally back after a three-year covid delay! Thank you, Peggy Booker, for stepping up & organizing it. Tickets are pre-sale now, make sure you buy one early. Keep an eye on the monthly calendar so you don't miss out on any fun!

Our next meeting is Wednesday March 8 at 1:00pm. See you there! **Gloria P., President**

Fellow Members submitted by: Judy Stephens

ANY alteration to the original wood porch makes the porch the members responsibility. This includes railings and paint. If the porch had been altered by the member you purchased the unit from, it becomes your responsibility as part of the purchase. *Unaltered steps to the porch and the court yard side walk leading to the porch are responsibility of the Association.

Notice to all Colonial Acres Members: The community clubhouse drop boxes, in clubhouse & black box outside for drive-up, are available for all internal mail correspondence to *Clearview Property Mgt*. We encourage utilization of these boxes for items such as bills, ACH forms, monthly HOA & tax payments, or any other documents that you would like to have our offices receive in a timely manner.

We pick up from the drop-boxes multiple times per week. This is an option to avoid postal mailing delays & potential late fees. **Please note:** this is NOT for outgoing postal mail!

COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V OPERATING STATEMENT ONE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2023

CASH END OF PERIOD CASH BEGINNING OF PERIOD TOTAL TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 6200 6300 6400 6700 7300 TOTAL INCOME: INCOME: 8 Special Assessments
0 Late Charges
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4 Legal Fee Recovery Carrying Charges Interest Income EXPENDITURES: Community Facility
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COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V INFORMATION

Important information for Members to know/keep:

Paul's Corner

<u>Welcome to Paul's Corner</u>. This area is dedicated to all the questions residents have asked over the years. This month, we'll be covering general forced-air furnace and boiler maintenance.

For both systems, they are on a three-year cleaning schedule. That means, every three years **you should call Paul's Plumbing Services at 248-437-0501** to schedule an appointment for them to come out and service your system. This is at no additional cost to the resident.

It is also strongly suggested that IF you have a digital thermostat, that you change the batteries at the start of each winter season. This service is not covered by the Co-op. If Paul's Plumbing has to change thermostat batteries, it will be at a direct charge to the resident.

Forced-air furnaces also need upkeep from the resident. This includes changing your filter. A common misconception is that the more expensive a filter is, the longer it will last. In fact, a more expensive filter has a higher MERV rating, and will remove the most particles and debris from the air. While having cleaner air is great, the downside to this is that you must change your filter more often. A MERV rating between 2 to 4 is suggested for the furnaces in Colonial Acres and will, on average, last 1-2 months in the winter.

Condos with baseboard heating DO NOT have filters. Those of you with boiler heat, please follow the "Set it and Forget it" motto with your thermostat. Find a temperature you are comfortable with, and leave it there. Turning down your thermostats at night will only leave you cold during the day. When it is below freezing outside, it can take as long as an hour to recover just one degree inside your home.

-Written by Sarah Trala-

EXTERIOR LIGHTING COMMITTEE

*Call your street captains for bus stop light fixture issues. These members are volunteers, inclement weather may delay bulb replacement.

STREET CAPTAINS

144-1 Dick Biskner, Mgr.Jefferson, Williamsburg, Alexandria Ct., Valley

Forge & Adams Court

108-1 Peggy Booker Arlington Circle

92-3Jim AllenYorktown60-2Judi DamphousseHeritage Ct.79-3Dave&Diane KokkoTiconderoga99-2Jack FarrowRaleigh Ct.

73-5 John McGraw Lexington (needs 2 more volunteers)

Hamilton Court - Needs a volunteer

*Association is ONLY responsible for your Bus Stop light, NOT the courtyard or porch light



BITS & PIECES OF INFO



ACTV	61745 Valley Forge Dr	Unit #2	\$150,000
ACTV	25664 Lexington Dr	Unit #5	\$169,900
PEND	25831 Lexington Dr	Unit #4	\$164,900
PEND	61960 Arlington Cir	Unit #6	\$175,000
SOLD	61711 Williamsburg Dr	Unit #6	\$168,750
SOLD	62341 Arlington Cir	Unit #4	\$170,000
SOLD	25861 Lexington Dr	Unit #4	\$174,600

Mary Ketelhut



86-6 Landry, Nancy	25715 Adams Ct,		
86-2 Skinner, Christine	25715 Adams Ct		
68-1 Klink, John & Eileen	25103 Jefferson		
112-4 Garbo, Djuna 112-4 Garbo, Paulette	62341 Arlington Cr62341 Arlington Cr,		

Add these to your 2022 Resident directory



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY VIOLETA SOTO MARCH 11th, 2023

We all wish Violeta a special birthday. Violeta has lived on Adams Ct. for 29 years. She is loved L cherished by 4 daughters, 9 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, L 7 great-great grandchildren.

I have enjoyed writing this newsletter since August 2019 but am ready to let someone else take over with fresh new ideas. If you are interested, apply for position with Sue Brock. I will stay until someone is found & will remain until they are familiar with putting it together. This is a difficult decision as I have enjoyed covering all the goings on around Colonial Acres & South Lyon & keeping everyone informed.

It is a big-time commitment, especially the middle to end of each month. If you're considering applying you need to be involved in our community & activities so you can write about what's happening. You also need computer & writing skills, doing community research, & living here year-round. If you're creative this could be the job for you! *Gloria Poirier*

Meeting Minutes, Clubhouse Feb. 2, 2023

Meeting called to order at 12:02 pm

FINANCIAL:

- Our checkbook balance is \$28,775.60. Of this total, \$16,000.00 is our operating reserve, which leaves us with \$12,775.60 available.
- Susi Brock will complete an audit of Clubhouse finances by the end of February.
- A new vacuum was purchased at a cost of \$253.00.
- It has been determined that the time has come for us to purchase a software program specifically designed for accounting and ad billing. This software will be on the clubhouse computer, not on anyone's personal device. Cost is anticipated to be no more than \$200.00.

NOTE: It has been reported that a break-in has occurred in our community and items were taken. (It was not a robbery.) This situation is being handled by South Lyon Police and Clearview. Details have not been made available to us at this time. We caution all residents to use extra care to ensure their safety and to report anything suspicious.

REMINDERS:

- Taxes are due. Contact Clearview if you did not receive yours.
- The Men's Social Club will hold their Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 18th. Offered will be pancakes, both plain and blueberry, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, orange juice and water. Residents will pay at the door \$7.00. Cash only.
- Faith Phee is now in charge of Sunshine Corner. If you know of a resident who is ill or needs cheering up for any reason, contact Faith and she will send them a handmade greeting card.

DISCUSSIONS:

- Seeking resident thoughts on conducting Bingo, which will, of course, require a Group Leader. Is there enough interest? Will discuss again.
- The idea of holding a flower/plant sale as a fund raiser was brought up. More input and discussion is needed to determine if this is a viable idea.
- Also interested in opinions regarding the possible availability of a shuffle board. This will be brought up at a Board meeting and costs will need to be researched.

COURTYARD SALES:

• On May 20, residents may have an individual sale in their own courtyard. Items must be contained in the courtyard, not out on the sidewalk or grass. Instructions will be posted for sign-up to be on the list of registered participants (which will be made available), and to receive a red ribbon to tie on to your bus stop lantern. A wagon will be circulating with snacks and baked goods for purchase. This event is in response to requests from numerous residents. We ask flexibility and cooperation on the part of neighbors for this one-day event from 10 am to 3 pm only.

FUTURE PLANS:

- A St. Patrick's Dinner is scheduled for March 17 th. Clubhouse committee is providing a \$50.00 gift certificate to this event. Tickets are now available fr0m Peggy Booker and will be sold until March 15th. Details are on the bulletin board.
- We have scheduled a Spring Clean Up day on April 17 at 1 pm. We will need volunteers for tasks both inside and outside the Clubhouse.
- The entertainers from our successful Fabulous Fifties event will be back on April 29, with a
 cost of \$10.00. Light snacks will be provided. Bring your own drink. The first event was
 attended well enough for us to break even. Committee discussed what would be an
 appropriate frequency of this event and the fact that we needed the \$10.00 to be sure our
 costs were covered.
- Laura Gola has scheduled Deck Parties for the upcoming season: June 16, July 14, August 18, and Sept. 15, starting at 5:30 pm. As usual, please bring a dish or snack to share and your own drink.
- As a community outreach, Denise Semion is organizing volunteers to help out at the South Lyon Paw Parade to be held on October 26. She is asking for volunteers to wear a costume and bring a bag of candy to pass out to "trick or treaters." There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board.
- Laura has also scheduled a Chili Cook Off for October 28 at 5 pm.
- There will be a Tea Luncheon at the Clubhouse on June 2nd. Tickets will be sold when the time comes and a signup sheet with further details will be posted.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Williams

Hello neighbors from the Clubhouse;

By popular request we are going to have a Community Garage Sale on May 20th from 10-3. All courtyards participating in the garage sale must sign up prior. We will have lists of who is participating posted throughout Phase V. A red ribbon will be given to all who participate to tie on their sidewalk lantern light. Please keep your items for sale inside your courtyard. Let's keep the sidewalks clear. Parking will be an issue. Please be patient. This is not a fund raiser for the Clubhouse, the Committee decided not to charge to participate.

Our annual St. Patrick's Day party is back. You must purchase tickets prior. The sale for ticket purchase is Feb 1 st - Feb 14th . See Peggy Booker for tickets. The cost is \$12.00 for a delicious traditional Irish meal. Come join the fun!!

The Fabulous Fifties Night was a HUGE success. We plan to have this event again Thanks to Shelly for being a fantastic group leader. Also, thanks to all of the volunteers and to South Lyon Flowers and Gifts for donating the flowers. The florist is across from Colonial Acres Pontiac Trail entrance.

Papa.com is a website for people who live alone. You have to check with your insurance to see if they participate. Papa helps with light chores and loneliness.

It's winter people! The snow plow will start after 2 inches of snowfall. Get ready to move Your car. Please only move your car once the snow plow has done the main streets and you hear the horn. Don't go back to bed after you clean off your car. Ignoring the snow plowing will result in your car being towed. That is very expensive. Or you could be ticketed. By mid-February we only had to move our cars twice so far. That is really not too bad. If you are going out of town, move your car off site. It will be easier on your neighbors.

Don't forget the St Patrick's Day Party on the 17th . The Clubhouse Meeting is on the 2nd at noon. The Board meeting is on the 8th at 1:00 pm. Game night is on the 29th . Men's Social meeting is on the 1st . Lake Street Tavern Social is on the 1st and 15th at 3:00 pm. **More good things to come ...**

Susie B, Chair 8

CLUBHOUSE HAPPENINGS



Another fun Pancake Breakfast was served February 18th. Thanks to Bill & Barb Aldinger for organizing this again, along with ALL the wonderful volunteers. It was a beautiful sunny day to get out & have a delicious breakfast with friends!!

Don't forget to join us at the *LAKE STREET TAVERN SOCIAL* on the 1st & 3rd Wed of each month from 3 to 5. Bring a neighbor or friend & get in on the Colonial Acres gab fest!

See you there for a drink, meal, or just conversation.





We've had bad luck, weather wise, for our game nights this year. Let's hope there's no snow or ice storm for the next planned night.

Come & join us Wednesday March 29th from 6 to 8. Play cornhole, WI bowling, board games, or just a night out to visit & enjoy being around neighbors!



COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V - ST. PATRICK DINNER

IS BACK FOR 2023!

Date: Friday March 17

Doors Open: 5:30 pm - Dinner at: 6:00 pm

\$12 Tickets go on Sale February 1st until March 15th

(Buy early at clubhouse/Board meetings or Peggy Booker. Limited seating, Phase V only)

Corn beef, cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, rolls, cake, coffee, tea, & water served



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The pool will open Memorial Weekend & we need pool maintenance people to help get it ready to open. Ideally 2 to 3 people are needed; to open, close, & maintain the pool for the summer. This is a paid-position, it would help if you are familiar with pools but not necessary. Katy Kay is the pool Manager & will train people what needs to be done on a daily basis. Workers will work out a schedule that suits their availability. Please let Katy Kay know if you are interested. The pool can't run without help from our members!



The start of Daylight Saving Time — when clocks "spring forward" an hour — 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12

While the U.S. Senate passed the Sunshine Protection Act in March 2022, the House of Representatives didn't act on it so it never reached the desk of President Joe Biden.

A CBS News poll in 2022 showed 46% of Americans prefer year-round Daylight Saving Time, with 33% wanting year-round Standard Time and the remaining 21% happy to continue to switch back and forth.







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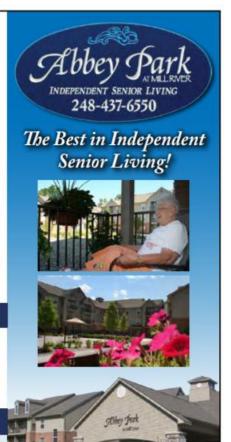
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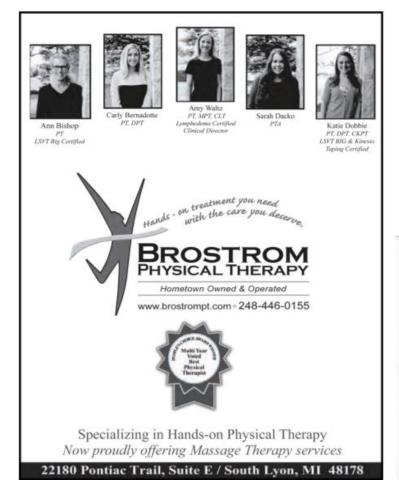


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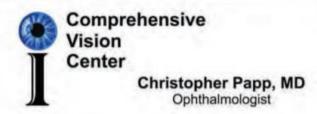


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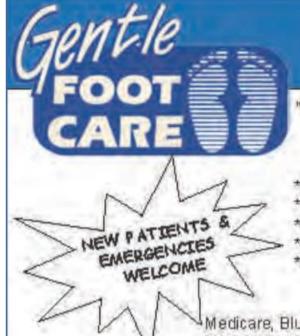


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			1 10-12 Sewing 3-5 Lake St. Tavern Social 7:00 Men's Social	Clubhouse mtg noon 7 pm Euchre	7:00 Texas Hold	4
5	6 8:30am Coffee hr 11:00-12:00 Yoga Practice 7 pm Euchre	7 2-5 Billiards 7:00 Texas Hold em	8 10-12 Sewing 1:00 Board Mtg.	9 7 pm Euchre	7:00 Bible Study	11
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