COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V NEWSLETTER

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Christiansen

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Sunshine Corner Faith Phee

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Wednesday August 21st Check out Senior's Free Hayrides

August 21st at Kensington Farm Center

Time: 10-2 p.m. Cost: Free

(To enter park you need a yearly pass or pay daily permit fee of \$10)

Come out to the Farm & enjoy a relaxing hayride through the woods & along the river.

Wheelchair lift available with advanced notice 248-684-8632

MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING JULY 11, 2019

Call to order at 1:06 pm the regular membership meeting of Colonial Acres Phase V, Inc. at clubhouse. Roll call: The following persons were present: Bill Charles, Cindy Christianson, Judy Keeling, John McGraw. Phillip Garlow was excused absent. Approval of minutes from last meeting Approved – 1st Judy 2nd Cindy. Financial Report for prior month – Jim Reuschlein Financial report – 4 months ending June 30, 2019 1st John, 2nd Cindy - Approved Judy pointed out that the water has just been turned on so utilities might not reflex that expense yet.

Replacement Reserves Delinquents Management Report – Jim Reuschlein, Clearview Property Management Services Four Unit listed for sale Roof Replacements have been completed for the year. Power washing will take place later this month. Management will give members notice so they can prepare to move personal property. Siding replacement is in process. Asphalt boring update. Concrete will begin by end of July. Tax tribunal has moved our hearing to Sept. \$4868.12 was the extra miniatous billing for June. Motion to approve 1st by Cindy, 2nd by Judy Bill asked for more details on siding replacement. John asked about behind meters siding issue Bill, gutter backup problem, do we have a solution.

Bill, to Jamie. Did the attorney meet with you and does he have everything he needs? Jamie: yes. Judy, are we paying the summer taxes and if so when are we expected to get the bills. Jim: Bills will be sent to the members in July, and the payments will be due with September payment.

New business/discussions of membership JOHN: Building 56, new roof a few years ago but the bus stops were not done. Only building in like that. 58-1 - complaint about A/C cover. Claims vinyl guys cut up but the pictures show what looks like old curling cuts. They did not keep the cover so we only have the photos. The vinyl people do not use cutters, member wants to be reimbursed \$19 to replace cover. 64-1, claims A/C is not working now and gutters overflowing. Would have been her first time turning on this year. Bill stated she had it repaired and it had nothing to do with siding. 58-5, the bushes up front are overgrown and hanging over. Inside courtyard has weeds overgrown. The unit is not occupied. BILL: JR to send a violation letter. 56-4, downspout in her courtyard. Right by porch, no extension was put on is flooding her steps. After the siding the member had new handrails put on and now there is a gap. Jim: The member put the railing in different location which caused the gap and is her expense to repair. 71-6 – More discussion on snow plowing Ron: (149-5) Issue again on flooding behind unit. Still needs more fill. We still have water standing and grass can't be cut. Also have a problem with my clubhouse key, also when are they power washing and what buildings. JIM: 144-146-148-149 &b 153 are scheduled Ron: There are 5 sidewalks that are cracked. JIM: Concrete is scheduled for end of this month and first week in August. Judy Crisp – Wanted to talk about recycling. As a community we need to step up and do the recycling. The flyers everyone got should be read. I want to encourage everyone to take part, it helps everyone. Also asked why do we wait so long to power wash. Doing it earlier in the season would prevent having to wash windows again. BILL: I do not see why we could not make it earlier. Darlene 83-5, The man who cut the trees (Jamie) did a good job cutting the tree in the back and the weeds but that was 5 months ago and now has pinecones everywhere and weeds are back. Can someone come back? Can someone walk around and check for tripping spots. BILL: if you can mark down where - Darlene 83-5 is a trip hazard. JIM: If it is in the bus stop area the original building had improper footings and the area changes every 6 months.

JUDY: Asked is the collection box a bother to anyone? No one commented or raised hands. BILL: We will open the spot for elections in September. The self-nominated persons can address the membership at the evening August meeting. Thanked Judy for her years of service. JUDY: Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month. The workers need time to prepare for printing. BILL: Creates a problem when we have late meetings in the month like the August 14th meeting. Judy stated they can give an extra day. BILL: A request was made to include financials in the newsletter but with 6 pages or more. that would increase the cost of the newsletter. MEMBER: Can it be posted online? Bill asked if that is being done? Jim: No, it has always been the board preference to leave in clubhouse. It would also leave it open to the public.BILL: Asked for a show of hands for preference. Majority was to leave in clubhouse.

BILL: George to present a proposal. (94-1)There was a group that got together and discussed the property maintenance. We are aging gracefully but as with all buildings the buildings, grounds, landscaping, overgrowth are getting older. We would like to propose to hire a maintenance manager to do inspections of the clubhouse, report to management and board to problems found in the community. This would provide good communications on problems and repair. The hired person would provide services that are listed on the written proposal. Having an onsite maintenance person would make the property a greater success. Preventive miniatous would benefit long term. BILL: Do you propose a full or part-time person and what qualifications would they need. GEORGE: We were thinking a full-time position, to pay for the person we would hope to have management put some in and clubhouse or worst case the monthly fees would increase. Being I have a background in the field I have a pretty good idea what is needed. JUDY: May I asked who was involved in this proposal? George: I do not know everyone's last name, but it was during a clubhouse meeting we were discussing it and put something together. **Member**: How is the extra charges go? What are we paying for and do we the member and the property pay him for the same thing? BILL: If it is in our contract we pay, if it is your responsibility you pay for it. Bill 139-5, We do a lot of walking and we see some concerns on the landscaping. Large pine tree has limbs hanging out on (Jefferson) Heritage. You can't get under the pine trees and the sidewalks along 11 mile are overgrown. Fencing need some maintenance, needs stones and weeds removed. JUDY: Ask if he can write down some numbers while out. Member shook head no. Member: Wanted to thank the board, the builder (Tom) has not done anything for his part in maintaining the field. Do you cut and bill him? BILL: yes, we cut and bill him, but he does not pay. JIM: We have not billed this year because it is our responsibility. Member: Alexandra dumping has stopped, and grass has been seeded and bushes planted. It looks nice. Ken, 66-1. We live on the other end of pond from the pine tree. The lily pads are growing wild. JIM: The ponds are different each year and no rhyme or reason. We can send someone over to attend to it. **Building 66** – wood siding has damage and was told a carpenter would show up 2 months ago. We see them across the street but nothing on our side. Not impressed with the lack of diligence. BILL: We have discussed with the owner of that company and you building is being addressed in the next week or so. We will not side over damaged wood, it will be repaired prior to the siding installation. Member: The plow trucks are damaging the sidewalks and needs to be addressed. JIM. I will be working with them this season on doing this but damage on the walks in unavoidable. Member: It would be more beneficial to have the drives plowed and parking spots and walks snow blown. BILL: Explained the cost involved would be more than we can handle. JIM: We look at the problem each year and we receive complaints on the spaces that are used for the snow piles and yes, we do bid every few years. Member: What about his building putting in carports. BILL: We can't allow that. PAUL TRAILA: In another area there is carports in two sets on 11 mile and they are expensive to keep snow **Second question**, have we ever looked at carports? BILL: the majority of members do not want carports or the plow trucks do not. Can we have snow removers shovel walks before they plowing? BILL: we have tried and they have a lot of young guys out there. CINDY: Many snow removers will not do walks anymore. JIM: the cost factor must be re-viewed. When they sit to wait for cars to move snow costs the association money

Jackie 65-1, you said three openings on the board. BILL: Yes, Phil, myself and Judy. Judy's seat would be a 1 yr. appointment. Jackie: we have a light still on in the bus stop for months now. We have a couple like this that the photocell needs to be repaired; they stay on. BILL: If we can get a list of them, we can get someone out. Jean 64-6 — wondering about the concrete work. JIM: I have looked and have not marked up yet but yours is being replaced.

JUDY: Thanks Paul for the garden woodchips he donates each year. Clubhouse meeting will be the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon. Every month.

BILL: Connie stand up please. You have done a great job as our clubhouse chair. Give Paul a round of applause for his donating of the wood chips.

Adjournment

Bill adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.

CHANGES FOR THE CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

New Chair Person

We welcome Judy Keeling as our new Chair person. She was voted in unanimously at the July Meeting. She hit the ground running with some great ideas for the clubhouse thru the end of the year. Watch the newsletter for all the monthly activities she has instore (many in this issue). There is a great group of residents that continually attend the monthly meetings who bring all their ideas & talents with them. Don't be afraid, come to the meetings, get involved, stay informed, have a say in what goes on. THANK YOU, JUDY, FOR TAKING ON THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE.

The Newsletter

Under construction.....have patience. We're working hard to get more content to you in the newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to get the minutes to all residents from the Board & Clubhouse, notify you of monthly activities, reminders of rules & guidelines, & hopefully a few bits & pieces of fun. You should always check the bulletin boards for the most updated info of what's happening around Colonial Acres in between newsletters.

Newsletter deadline

The newsletter deadline for submitting info and/or articles is still the **15**th of each month. Anything submitted after that date is **not guaranteed** to be in that month's newsletter. We will try our best but we need time to put together & organize all the pages, proof, send to UPS for printing (anywhere from 3-6 days), & pick up. **Then** ALL the volunteers who help get this paper to 465 residents get to start their job of counting & bagging newsletters, distributing to designated deliverers who then have to get them to all your doors. So, in order to insure you have your newsletter by the **1**st of each month it takes a village to accomplish! Thank you for your patience!

Clubhouse meeting date

The clubhouse meeting day & time has changed to the **FIRST Thursday** of each month **at 12:00**. August's meeting will be **Thursday August 1**st **at noon**, in between Line Dancing & Buckboard. It's so great to see the clubhouse used for so many activities! See you all at the first new meeting date!

BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11 @6:00 PM

Self-Nomination forms have been **mailed** to all residents. Residents will be voting on two open positions. Think about being a part of helping our community be the best we can be. Get involved & make a difference on how we move forward in the next few years. Run for the Board & make a difference.

All nominations must be submitted to Bill Charles **no later** than **August 13th**. **NOTE** that our next Board meeting on **August 14th** will be **at 6:00 pm**. The members seeking election will be given 5 minutes to speak at this meeting. Come & meet your nominees so you can make an informed decision when you vote on Wed. Sept. 11th.

Bio's for self-nominated candidates **MUST** be submitted to gj.poirier@gmail.com no later than **August 15**th to be in the September newsletter.



COLONIAL ACRES PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Where: The Clubhouse

When: Saturday August 10th

Time: 8 am to 10 am Price: \$5 per person

Bring your family down & enjoy a great breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, & tea cooked by our great volunteer chefs!

Watch the newsletter the next couple of months for additional pancake breakfasts taking place on Saturday 9/21 & 10/19.



spot: 248-437-1987

DATE: Sat. Oct 26th

Time: 10 to 2

Price per table: \$12

Put this date on your calendar so you can start your Christmas shopping early!

Our July Deck party was a great success, "The Dog Days of Summer". Thank you, Mike & Laura Gola, for organizing this fun time & supplying the hotdogs. The clubhouse was full of good food and friends. There were even people sitting on the deck although it was almost 100 degrees! More of us moved to the deck as clouds came in & the temps dropped a bit. We were just cleaning up when the torrential rains came pouring down. Many of us got soaked running to our cars. That's what summer is all about!

Join US For our Next Fun Friday evening on August 16th 5:30-7:30 August Deck Party / Cocktail Party / Dream Cruise



Bring your classic car if you have one to show off

Park it so we can browse those beauties!

Bring an appetizer OR dessert to pass & a drink of your choice

July Day Trip to Kensington Cruising on the Island Queen

The second annual Day Trip to Kensington was a big hit. We cruised around the lake & got an educational back round of the park & all the wildlife that resides there. We saw the male & female Bald Eagles along with one of their two babies. What a site! We also saw their nest which can be 10 feet deep to 20 feet across. You can't miss that nest! These are one of 800 pair of Bald Eagles nesting in Michigan.

What a beautiful day we had, warm weather, water breezes, & good friends to share it. Afterwards there was a lunch at Bakers.

Don't miss out on this trip next year!

HEAVENLY SCENT HERB FARM

Monday August 19th @ 11:00 am
We will leave from the clubhouse & drive
To Fenton. Afterward we will have lunch at
The Laurndry in downtown Fenton approx, 2:30.

Sign up sheet on clubhouse bulliten board. Please sign up so we can make a reservation at the restaurant.

Benevolent Fund

Our Benevolent Fund provides a bit of comfort when things are down. Please contact Judy Keeling or Barb Kibler with death notices of residents in Phase V. Call 734-218-1277

Think about making a donation to this fund. It is nice for us to reach out to family members who have lost a love one here at Colonial Acres Phase V. Get in touch with Barb Kibler. Thank you for your generosity

Since the warm weather has finally arrived the pool has had many people enjoying a swim. Please review the pool rules below, children are allowed to swim during Children's Pool Hour's only. Many residents like swimming & visiting during adult time & make a point to avoid the children's hours. BUT, please adults, give those children a chance to get out of the pool & dry off. Please do not rush them out if you see they are going to be leaving. All of our grandchildren deserve to be spoken to with respect. THANK YOU

COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V, Inc. RULES AND REGULATIONS

SWIMMING POOL HOURS 9 AM TO 9PM

- ➤ No food or beverages in glass containers are allowed in the pool
- ➤ All persons must wear bathing suits in the pool (no shorts or cutoffs)
- NO running, jumping or diving in the pool, or pool area (that means adults also)
- > DO NOT swim alone, if you do it is at your risk
- NO pool side radios
- > Do Not use suntan lotion if you are going in the pool
- NO children AGE 4 OR UNDER or in DIAPERS are allowed in the POOL AREA
- You must have your key to get into the clubhouse then sign in when you enter pool area

Children's Pool Hour's

- Children ages 5 to 16 are allowed in the pool from 11am to 2pm & from 5pm to 7pm
- They are also allowed in the pool from 9am to 9pm the last Sunday of each month,
- Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day

ALL GUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CO-OP MEMBER

CLUBHOUSE ETIQUITTE

We are experiencing incidents of significant messes in our kitchen bathrooms. This leaves residents having to clean up some pretty disgusting messes left behind that can't wait for the weekly cleaning. The building is cleaned twice a week. That is based upon the financial resources we have available. This is a co-op; we all need to work together to keep the clubhouse clean & useable for all. Please don't leave your mess for someone else to clean up. Empty trash cans if you see they are full, sweep up crumbs, wipe down kitchen counters & if you have an accident in the bathrooms **PLEASE** clean that up yourself.

Did you know......

Hockey fans will love this story! Our own Mike Giordano worked at the old Olympia Stadium back in the day. When Olympia closed in the late '70's he asked what was going to happen to the **BIG** flag that flew outside the stadium. He was told he could have it. So.....he climbed up the pole that hung out over Grand River and took it down. (sorry Jayne, I know you just heard how he got the flag down & are not happy about his recklessness. It's just like when our grown kids tell us stories of when they were teens, TMI).

That flag now proudly flies at Colonial Acres on days there is a deck party. Come check it out, it takes up the whole outside wall of the clubhouse between windows and door to the pool. Stand by it & have your picture taken next time you're at a deck party. Thank you, Mike, for sharing your famous flag.

If you have a story or antidote you would like to share in the newsletter please send it to gj.poirier@gmail.com & I'll try to post it.

RED WINGS

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Naturally Yours..... What are we eating?

Denise Semion

One of the most memorable, and quoted, statements from the movie "The Graduate" is when Mr. McGuire tells Benjamin, "Plastics. There is a great future in plastics." And when this 1967 classic film came out, lots of people were talking about plastics. Today, we're talking about them in a different way. How are they harming our environment? How much pollution are they adding to the oceans, and how long does it take for plastics to break down? And now, how much plastic are we eating?

A June 5, 2019 article in Nationalgeographic.com claims that we eat thousands of teeny pieces of plastic every year. Called microplastics, these tiny particles of plastic, can be found just about anywhere, from the bottom of the ocean to the air we breathe.

Microplatic particles are smaller than five millimeters, and many are so tiny they are only visible under a microscope. Plastic bags and straws are two big contributors of microplastics. Microfibers, made typically from extremely fine fibers of polyester and nylon or other synthetic materials, are the most commonly found type of microplastic. They often wash off clothes and enter the ecosystem through washing machine wastewater. It's amazing how much microfiber material is used in our every day products, including bedding, clothing and furniture. Check your labels and you may be in for a surprise to find how much microfiber is in your home.

Nationalgeographic.com quotes a new study in an Environmental Science and Technology journal, which states that we may be consuming anywhere from 39,000 to 52,000 microplastic particles each year. Add in what we inhale, and our total consumption is about 74,000 microplastic particles each year.....that 1967 movie quote takes a different meaning now.

The research team also looked at studies that reviewed the amount of microplastics in drinking water and air. The study found that people who meet their recommended water intake through tap water ingest an additional 4,000 microplastic particles annually, while those who drink only bottled water ingest an additional 90,000 pieces. So, one way to reduce the amount of microplastics entering your body is to put tap water into a refillable bottle and reduce the amount of liquids you drink from plastic bottles.

So, we, as consumers, can help slow down this in surge of microplastics in our environment. I rarely, if ever, buy bottled water. And when shopping recently for a new quilt, I studied the content labels before choosing one made out of 100% cotton. I bring my reusable shopping bags to the grocery store, and try to reduce my use of plastic whenever I can. Plastics....a great future?





Say Hello to your new neighbors!!

- 75-3 Lori Kowalski 25692 Lexington 248-513-9835
- 75-3 Riley Kowalski 25692 Lexington
- 67-4 Margaret Woodward 25123 Jefferson 804-301-7805

KIM'S CORNER									
<u>Type</u>	Address	Price							
SOLD	61702 WILLIAMSBURG #UNIT 4	\$132,250							
SOLD	62402 RALEIGH COURT #5	\$132,230							
ACTIVE	25162 JEFFERSON #3	\$117,900							
PENDING	25118 HERITAGE COURT #5	\$105,000							
PENDING	62181 ARLINGTON CIRCLE #1	\$126,000							
SOLD	62350 ARLINGTON	\$124,500							
SOLD	62511 RALEIGH COURT #6	\$127,650							
ACTIVE	25110 HAMILTON COURT #1	\$110,000							
ACTIVE	62320 ARLINGTON Cir #4	\$124,800							

The Secret Behind That Cicada Sound

The hot months of August will bring the song of the Cicada's That song always takes me back to my childhood home!

What's that noise? It's a drone! It's a buzz! No, it's a cicada! Cicadas emit one of the most distinct sounds of the animal kingdom—of the insect group, anyway. The song of the cicada is a reverberating noise that's hard to describe and even harder to recreate.

Cicadas make a variety of sounds, including very loud buzzing sounds. The males have tymbal organs that include rib-like bands on a membrane that can be vibrated very rapidly by a special muscle. The sounds include courtship calls and squawking sounds when the cicada is handled or disturbed.

It's a unique system of noise-making, and the result is a phenomenon we hear echoing across the landscape once the soil warms up & the cicada emerge each summer. Cicada calls are hard to miss. They're the soundtrack of so many summer days & nights you've heard in every home you've owned. As you sit in your courtyard relaxing at Colonial Acres listen to the cicada & enjoy this summer month!

August

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	8:30am Coffee hour	1-5pm Billiards	7 10am Needlework	8 10:45am Line dancing 2:00pm Buckboard	9	8:00-10:00am Pancake Breakfast @clubhouse
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