

THE COLONY COMMUNICATOR

FALL 2021



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CLUBS AND COMMITTEES:

The coffee club meets in the Commons at 9 AM every Wednesday

The Landscape Committee meets in the Commons on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 PM

GARAGES & PARKING:

- All garages should accommodate a vehicle – they cannot be used solely for storage.
- ***All resident vehicles must be registered with the office and display a green Colony parking permit.***
- ***Vehicles need to move every 72 hours even when permit is displayed, per the Rules & Regulations. Should you plan to be off property for longer than 72 hours and your vehicle is parked outside, please make advance arrangements with the office for long-term parking.***
- Access for emergency vehicles and trash pickup should always be kept clear.
- Do not park in fire lanes at any time. Vehicles in these lanes are subject to immediate towing at vehicle owner's expense.
- Garage doors are to be closed when garage is not in use.

ANNUAL MEETING:

- The annual meeting was held on June 26, 2021, in the north gallery parking garage. We came close but did not quite make quorum. Ballots were completed and turned in anyway which the board considered when choosing new board members. At the end of the meeting, we had 1 seat to fill. Directly after the meeting, 2 members resigned, and we then had 3 seats to fill. The Board of Directors is now:

Jeff Hamm, President
Jerry Slatko, Vice President
Natalie Ionescu, Secretary
Cindy Schneider, Treasurer
Sue Neuhart, Director
Kirk Fox, Director
Jen Teegarden, Director

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

- Joel Quinnell took the reins to plan and host a wonderful event for the community. He not only planned the menu but went out and purchased all the food along with the necessary supplies. He also supplied music and rigged up an outdoor theater for all to enjoy a family friendly movie at dusk. Quite the accomplishment as he had a very short time!

POOL:

- The pool will remain open (weather permitting) through Sunday, September 19th. However, there is a previously scheduled private event on the 18th which will have the pool closed from 3 PM through the remainder of the day.

ORGANICS RECYCLING:

- The City of Edina has contracted with Viertkamp to provide organic recycling pick up services. We currently have the proper containers in place in both gallery garages. Anyone in the townhomes or cluster buildings are welcome to request an individual container directly from Viertkamp. **Non-**

organic materials contaminate the entire container which will then be dumped into the regular trash. To keep critters under control (especially flies!), proper bags must be used. The office has some on hand, there have been bag holders with bags placed on the organic recycling containers, and you can purchase them in big box stores, hardware stores, Costco, Sams Club, etc.

SEE DETAILED LISTING FOR ALL TYPES OF RECYCLING ON BACK PAGE

RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS (From the Sun Current):

- **July 13:** An Apple iBook, Minnesota Driver's License and other items were reported stolen on the 6400 block of Barrie Road, for a loss of \$3,650.
- **July 15:** A catalytic converter worth \$1,500 was reported stolen on the 6400 block of Colony Way.

WINDOWS AND DOORS:

- As you are aware, the deadline to have window and door repairs/repainting complete is October 31st. If enough homeowners express interest, I would be happy to try to get a volume discount from a local painting company.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

- Are you handy with a hammer and looking for a project? The Association is looking for someone to build a "little library" to be placed outside of the office. Taj Mahal not necessary, just a cute box on a wooden pole with a glass door.

OTHER REMINDERS:

- **HOMEOWNERS IN GALLERY BUILDINGS: PLEASE BE SURE YOUR HVAC CONTRACTORS PUT LADDER AWAY AND ROOF HATCH BACK IN PLACE WHEN FINISHED WORKING ON THE ROOF.**
- **LOCK YOUR VEHICLES AT ALL TIMES**
- **PACKAGES:** Please pick up your packages in a timely manner from vestibules/lobbies.
- **GALLERY DUMPSTERS ARE FOR THE USE OF GALLERY RESIDENTS.** Townhome and cluster building residents are to have their own trash and recycling containers. You can use the gallery building dumpsters if your trash container is full prior to the next pick up date or if you have a trash item that is too large for your container.
- Gallery Buildings: Individuals will try to buzz different numbers from the call box to see if they can gain entry to the building. Others may claim to have a delivery for another resident and will ask that you open the door for them. **PLEASE do not allow access to the gallery buildings unless you know the person requesting access or it is a confirmed delivery for you.**
- Disposal of mattresses, furniture, small appliances, or hazardous waste must be coordinated directly with Waste Management or another vendor at your expense. Please inform the office of this event.
- **TWO (2) VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED PER UNIT;** a third if a third licensed driver is in residence. One vehicle must be able to park in the garage.
- Compost sheds on the property are for compost materials only (not pots or containers). Kindly bag compost materials and stack them neatly within the sheds.
- Be considerate when walking pets; ensure they are on a leash and clean up after them immediately. **ALL PETS ARE TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE OFFICE.**
- All rental units need proper documentation on file with the office, including contact information for the renter(s) and a copy of the current lease.

YOUR HOA DOLLARS AT WORK:

- Roof replacements continue. All buildings will be complete this season. Next year, we will move onto garages and cluster living room bump outs. That will most likely be a 2-year project.

- Continuation of concrete sidewalk lifting/repairs, tuckpointing and asphalt repairs. We have patched and crack filled asphalt and hope to be able to start on repaving needs next year. Concrete curbing was replaced along 6308 and 6316 Barrie Road, some sidewalk and stoop repairs were performed, and the island outside of 6301 running parallel to Crosstown was removed and area paved.
- Luneth trimmed bushes and SAV A TREE removed diseased or dying trees, ground stumps and trimmed back healthy trees.
- The Landscaping Committee has approved a planting plan for trees and bushes to occur this Fall. Perennials and planting beds will be addressed in the Spring.
- Faulty concrete steps at cluster buildings are being replaced by our Maintenance staff who will complete as many as possible before the end of the season. Maintenance has built the forms for the concrete and are crafting the stairs on site.
- Researching and pricing new yard lights.

HOMEOWNERS' CORNER:

A Note of Thanks to the National Night Out Planners and Contributors:

Dear Joel,

Joel, thank you for all you did for hosting the National Night Out for our community.

Thank you to all the wonderful community members who came and shared a variety of delicious dishes with everyone. Thank you, John, for grilling the brats and hamburgers. Thank you, Sue, for your contacting Beau, Edina Police Officer, who mingled with our guests and answered questions and concerns. A fun night of meeting new people, mixing with friends, listening to music and beautiful singing by Joel and David, and ending the evening with a movie.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,
Pacy

FOR SALE:



Coffee table 50.00



Planter 15.00



Table (with 2 glass tops...one seats 6 and one seats 8) and 4 chairs 150.00



Serving cart 35.00



Shelves 50.00

Option: 250.00 for everything!

Contact Eleni George at DWG1166@yahoo.com

FOR SALE:

Loveseat Sofa

51" w X 34" d X 31" h

Stearns & Foster twin size mattress

[Note: The lighting is casting shadows making the fabric look discolored]

\$100 / Best Offer

Jamie - 6308 Barrie Road - 608-212-3444



LOW-COST LOANS AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE MODEST HOMES

Edina's August Newsletter provided information about low-cost loans are available to improve modest homes by allowing income-eligible homeowners to borrow funds through the Homeownership Rehabilitation Program.

According to the newsletter, loans range from \$2,000 to \$30,000 and allows for the improvements to owner-occupied houses and condos valued up to \$425,000. The program limits homeowner income to 125% of Area Median income, which equates to \$105,000 for a two-person household (I emailed them about a month ago to find out what a single-person household income equates to, but I never heard back). The city did verify all unit at The Colony are eligible.

Per the loan agreement, no monthly payments are made on the loan while the owners live at the property. When ready to sell, or if 30 years comes first, the owner can give the city first right of refusal. If the city chooses to purchase the home, the loan is forgiven. Otherwise, the loans' principal amount plus 2 percent non-compounding simple interest is due upon sale.

Funds are limited and are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Funds must be used first to address health, safety, and outstanding code violations. If you don't have any of these, funds can then be used for energy improvements per recommendations of the Home Energy Squad Visit. The last thing funds can be used for is permanent interior or exterior improvement such as windows, doors, garage repairs, and interior remodeling.

After you submit your application and additional information (this took me about 45 minutes to track down all the required information), a loan officer with the city will contact you. If you are eligible, the city will inspect your property to determine the eligible improvements.

You can learn about Edina's Deferred Home Improvement Loan at www.mncee.org/edina-deferred-home-improvement-loan

Submitted by Jen Teegarden

RECYCLING INFORMATION

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- ✓ All junk mail and envelopes
- ✓ Aluminum, steel, and tin cans
- ✓ Brown paper sacks/bags
- ✓ Cardboard (broken-down boxes)
- ✓ Cereal and cracker-type boxes
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Juice boxes and other paper cartons
- ✓ Magazines and catalogs
- ✓ Newspaper and newspaper inserts
- ✓ Office and school paper (all colors)
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Plastic food containers, tubs and bowls
- ✓ Plastic milk jugs and paper milk cartons
- ✓ Plastics Numbers 1, 2 and 5
- ✓ Yogurt cups and margarine/whip cream tubs

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Aerosol cans, propane tanks or helium tanks
- Aluminum foil
- Batteries
- Egg cartons
- Food waste
- Food-tainted items (e.g. paper plates)
- Garbage
- Ice cream cartons
- Paper towels or napkins
- Pizza boxes
- Plastic retail bags
- Styrofoam cups, plates or packaging
- Wax-coated cartons
- Shredded paper (may be included in Organics i.e., does not contain rubber bands, paper clips or staples)

ORGANICS (special bin needed)

- All Food
 - Fruits and vegetables
 - Meat, fish and bones
 - Dairy products
 - Eggs and eggshells
 - Pasta, beans and rice
 - Nuts and shells
- Food-soiled paper
 - Pizza boxes from delivery
 - Napkins and paper towels
 - Paper egg cartons
- Certifiable compostable products
 - Compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils, and containers
- Other compostable household items
 - Coffee grounds and filters
 - Facial tissues
 - Hair and nail clippings
 - Cotton balls and swabs with paper stems
 - Houseplants and flowers
 - Wooden items such as chopsticks
- NOT ACCEPTED: Yard waste, bandages, diapers and sanitary products, animal and pet waste, litter or bedding, cleaning or baby wipes, grease or oil, Styrofoam, dryer lint and dryer sheets, recyclable items (see list in blue), frozen food boxes, microwave popcorn bags, gum, fast food wrappers, products labeled "biodegradable."

• MORE INFORMATION:

Edina Environmental Health Specialist: Solvei Wilmot: swilmot@edinamn.gov / Phone: 952-826-0463

City of Edina Recycling Information: <https://www.edinamn.gov/222/Recycling>

Organics Recycling info (special bin needed): <https://www.edinamn.gov/1638/Organics-Recycling>

Organics Recycling Coordinator Twila Singh: TSingh@edinamn.gov / Phone: 952-826-1637

Ways to reduce waste: <https://www.edinamn.gov/231/How-to-Reduce-Waste>