

The Colony of Edina

January 2023 Newsletter

We are one community!

Let's make 2023 a year where we work together as a community. The Colony is a large association with 308 units in 33 buildings that spans 12 acres. Be kind and respectful to each other, our staff, and our contractors. Make an effort to know and help your neighbors. Join a committee to make a difference or volunteer to share your skills. Watch out for each other to keep our community safe. Say hi!

Fire Update

On Nov. 15, 2022, around 10:30 pm, a fire started in a unit at 6328 Barrie Road that destroyed 9 units. The board just signed a contract with Lindstrom Restoration for reconstruction. Starting next week Lindstrom will begin asbestos abatement, which will take about 8 weeks. This will be followed by demolition and then rebuilding, which could take 9-10 months.

Insurance Coverage

The Colony at Edina by-laws require each unit owner carry insurance coverage for their unit (HO6 condominium policy).

- Ensure you carry adequate coverage before you experience a loss.
- Take an inventory of all your possessions in your home and determine a realistic cost to replace them new (sentimental items may have no value). Once you have an idea of how much is needed to replace your possessions, check with your insurance provider to ensure your policy has enough coverage.
- Check your policy to see if you have coverage for replacement housing if you're displaced from your unit. It's advisable to check if items such as electricity and association dues are covered too.
- Ensure mitigation procedures (drying out items, cleaning, etc.) won't reduce the amount available to replace your possessions.
- Check with your agent on taking out an umbrella policy to provide additional coverage. An umbrella policy typically provides coverage in many areas including auto accidents, home losses, dog bites, etc. An umbrella policy may raise the minimum limits of coverage on your automobile policy as well.

Laundry Room Etiquette

Follow colony rules by being courteous when you do laundry

The board has received increasing reports of issues with laundry room courtesy.

- The laundry rooms are only for the use of residents living on the property.
- Give other residents enough time to remove their items from the machines before you remove them. Avoid removing items from the machines immediately after the machine cycle ends to start your laundry.
- If someone hasn't removed their laundry from the machines after 30 minutes, then it's okay to remove their items.
- Set a timer while doing laundry to be courteous to your neighbors so you can finish your laundry in a timely manner.
- Don't expect other residents to finish your laundry by leaving behind quarters.
- Clean up after yourself, including machines or other mess you make.

Vacant Garage Spaces

If you have a parking space in a gallery garage or an enclosed garage and are not using it, we have residents who would love to rent that space from you. If you have a space or are interested in renting a space, please contact the office and Dolly will try to connect you. Our intent is to keep this simple. The list will reflect those who want to rent in the order their email is received. The homeowner with a vacant space will be given the list of potential renters and has the right to rent to whom they wish. The office and the Board will not be involved in setting and collecting rents or any other aspect of the relationship.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday, 9 am - 4 pm

Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm

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LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE EMAIL:

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OPEN FORUM:

Third Tuesday of month at 5:30 pm

BOARD MEETING:

Third Tuesday of month at 6 pm

Landlords Reminder

Please remind your tenants that any communication regarding the Colony property or rules must go through you as the owner of the property. Renters shouldn't be contacting the board, office manager, or maintenance staff directly. Any contact from a renter in a non-emergency situation will be forwarded to the unit owner to address. The association will contact the owner of the unit if a problem arises with the renter. If problems are not resolved, any fines will be assessed to the unit owner.

Screening requirements: Residents who rent must screen the rental application by use a third-party company that specializes in screening rental applications and have a criminal background check completed on each prospective adult renter.

Join the By-Laws and Rules Committee



The board will be updating Colony by-laws and rules. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the office. We will be scheduling our first meeting in February.

Dog Issues Continue

Be a responsible dog owner. Pick up your dog's waste - not doing so is disrespectful and disgusting - failure will result in a fine. Dogs need to be leashed at all times, inside and on the grounds. Allowing dogs to run in common areas is a violation of rules and will result in a file.

Please report offenders to the office.



Report Needed Repairs

Report needed repairs by emailing the office and maintenance. This could be a light that is out, a broken step, clogged laundry room tub, etc. When you are out and about on Colony grounds, keep an eye out for needed repairs.



Don't Get Towed



The Board does not want to tow your car. However, with the significant amount of snowfall so far this winter, we had to tow cars that did not move during repeated snowstorms and prevented snow removal. Parking lots become unsafe when snow cannot be removed. Plus, valuable parking spaces are lost. Be courteous!

Garages are for cars, not storage

Colony rules state that garages are not to be used for storage. With limited amount of parking spots, please park your car in your garage.

