

# THE COLONY COMMUNICATOR

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## 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.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Gov. Walz launches new state tool to connect all Minnesotans to COVID-19 vaccines

[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_https://kstp.com/news/gov-walz-launches-new-state-tool-to-connect-all-minnesotans-to-covid-19-vaccines-/6016704/?cat=1\\_!!NH\\_hVA4!qEVbRiD1hNvBF2nks2zpN6\\_0oxlxnyMVZ26zBZIE4zZJEJKAsQrLIoEMP9eOoM\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://kstp.com/news/gov-walz-launches-new-state-tool-to-connect-all-minnesotans-to-covid-19-vaccines-/6016704/?cat=1_!!NH_hVA4!qEVbRiD1hNvBF2nks2zpN6_0oxlxnyMVZ26zBZIE4zZJEJKAsQrLIoEMP9eOoM$)

## POOL:

- While we do not yet have a solid plan in place, please be assured that the pool will be open this season. Hours will most likely be reduced. Reservations will be required. Watch for more information to come soon.

## PARTY ROOM:

- As with the pool, we are working on a plan to open the party room for resident use. Watch for more information to come soon.

## ANNUAL MEETING:

- As the pandemic continues, we will be postponing the annual meeting until June and holding it inside a gallery garage. Does anyone have audio equipment we could use?

## ADOPT A POT:

- Flower planting season will be here before we know it. Please let the office know if you are interested in planting one of the various pots around the property. You will be reimbursed up to \$50 for materials.

## OTHER REMINDERS:

- **OFFICE HOURS:** Though the office hours are M – F, 8 AM to 5 PM, please call before coming to make sure manager is available. There are times when the office door needs to be locked for accounting work or when the manager is out on the property.
- **PACKAGES:** Please pick up your packages in a timely manner from vestibules/lobbies.

- **NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS:** pulp cardboard (e.g. egg cartons), foam packing materials/styrofoam, plastic bags, dog feces, small appliances, dirty food containers, tissue paper, bubble wrap, pallets, construction debris.
- **ALL BOXES ARE TO BE BROKEN DOWN AND PLACED IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER.** Failure to do so will result in a \$15/box fee. Anything else that can be flattened easily would be appreciated (e.g. milk cartons, soda cans, etc.).
- **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.**
- Please pick up your packages as soon as possible after delivery. Leaving them in a common area invites theft.
- Our answering service allows 2 options: One to leave a general message for the office and the other to speak with the operator in the event of an emergency. We have allotted minutes per month for operator involvement and beyond that, we are charged per minute. Please only choose the operator option in the event of a true emergency (as we say in the biz: fire, flood or blood). Thank you!
- Please remember to replace furnace filters monthly in the winter and at a minimum every 3 months spring through fall.
- Place trash containers out on pick-up day by 7AM and return to garage by early evening that same day. Ensure containers are placed so that the wheels and non-opening side are facing garage. For townhomes, place containers at medians in driveways.
- 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.
- **WATCH YOUR SPEED WHEN DRIVING IN GALLERY GARAGES (5 mph) AND ON THE PROPERTY ROADS (10 mph).**
- 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.
- If you experience a power outage, please confirm with a neighbor prior to calling the office or the emergency number. Xcel Energy provides outage information via phone and online and will inform you of the outage location and estimated time power will be returned. Please be advised that fire panels in each building will beep until power is restored and the panel resets itself.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have not done so, please provide your current e-mail address(es) to the office, as email is now our primary method of communication. If you are opposed to email, notices will also be posted on the community bulletin board outside of the office, gallery bulletin boards, and townhome laundry rooms.

#### AUTOMATIC DUES PAYMENTS:

If you are on the ACH program, thank you! If not, please consider signing up to have your dues automatically paid through your checking or savings account. You can pay monthly or quarterly via ACH and eliminate late fee assessments or the office calling you about late payments. Dues are collected to operate and maintain the community. If they are not paid in a timely manner, the Association cannot pay for regular services or maintenance projects. You can obtain a form to register for ACH from the office either in person or via e-mail.

### YOUR HOA DOLLARS AT WORK:

- Roof replacements will begin as soon as weather permits. We have 9 buildings that will be completed in 2021. After that, we will move onto the roofs of living rooms and garages.
- Continuation of concrete sidewalk lifting/repairs, tuckpointing and asphalt repairs.
- We will continue painting interiors of buildings as time allows. There are buildings that have been painted and are still waiting for unit doors to be painted. We will be contacting residents to vote among the colors previously approved (blue, berry, watermelon).
- Landscaping as needed and upgrades as funds allow.
- All common area carpeting in the cluster and gallery buildings will be cleaned once salting season is over.
- Painting of building interiors continues.

### HOMEOWNERS' CORNER:

A generous homeowner has donated a 24-piece set of these beautiful snack dishes. They are in the community room kitchen. Please stay tuned for information on the re-opening of the community room.



BRIDGE, ANYONE? A homeowner is looking for a bridge club. Contact Michelle in the office if interested, and she will put you in touch with the homeowner.

### FOR SALE:



This rarely used, stored in the winter, dark chocolate wicker furniture set with brand new never used cushions will add comfort and beauty to your outdoor patio space.

We are asking for \$350 or BO and will consider selling in separate pieces. Please call Lakisha @ 612-250-8100 with any questions.

**Need Girl Scout Cookies?** Order from Alexis, who is a new Colony resident. She is a member of local Girl Scout troop 16584. You can now order online and we will deliver to your door. Order at

<https://app.abcsmartcookies.com/#/social-link-landing/a012fc47-4678-4c63-a9fa-efa34bc36243>