

# THE COLONY COMMUNICATOR

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use of the pool. However, we still strongly recommend masks when not in the water and ask that social distancing please be practiced.

A change for this year is that a fob system will be installed on the pool gate. Residents will need to purchase a fob from the office for a fee of \$10/each. The fob will be programmed for the pool hours of 9 AM to 9 PM, Monday – Sunday. No access will be allowed without a fob. Fobs are yours to keep and transferrable to new owners/renters upon transition.

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### POOL:

- **YES, FRIENDS, THE POOL WILL BE OPEN!**

Thanks to vaccines and our lovely Governor, we no longer have to place attendance or open hours restrictions on the

## PARTY ROOM:

- The party room is open for business. Reservations can be made through the office. ***Please note that it will unavailable Friday – Sunday, June 25 – 27.***

## ANNUAL MEETING:

- The annual meeting will take place on June 26, 2021, and will be held in the north gallery parking garage. Your attendance either in person or by proxy is imperative. You will learn what the past year's accomplishments were and plans for the current year, important financial information, receive updates on planned road work in the area, and many other interesting tid bits. Not to mention election of Board of Directors. **REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AS WELL AS AMAZING DOOR PRIZES!** Watch for your annual meeting packet to arrive later this month. If you are interested in a seat on the Board of Directors, please complete and return the nomination form previously mailed to you. We have 7 seats to fill!

## ADOPT A POT:

- We still have unclaimed pots to fill. 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.

### 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 through the office. **PLEASE REVIEW THE LIST OF ACCEPTABLE AND NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS posted on the containers or on the City of Edina website. Non-organic materials contaminate the entire container which will then be dumped into the regular trash.**

### OTHER REMINDERS:

- **GRILLS:** The **ONLY** grills allowed on the property (per City of Edina) are **electric** grills and then **ONLY** if they are **hardwired** into the building's electrical system. This can be achieved by hiring a licensed electrician to install a GFI outlet on your balcony or patio.
- **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 will begin soon. We have 9 townhome buildings that will be completed this year. After that, we will move onto the roofs of living rooms and garages. Watch for scheduling information as it becomes available.
- 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.
- Common area carpeting in the cluster and gallery buildings will be cleaned now that salt season is over.
- Concrete steps at cluster buildings will be repaired/replaced by our Maintenance staff and will complete as many as possible over the summer/fall season.

### HOMEOWNERS' CORNER:

My great grandmother, Luella Laura Smith Sims, was born in the mid 1800s near Milwaukee, WI. She died in 1942, 3 years before my birth. Jesse & Laura Sims lived on 41st & Vincent Ave. So., in Minneapolis. Jesse passed in 1948, when I was 3. I remember him! This recipe has been a part of my family for generations. I make it during the holidays but may be enjoyed throughout the year.

Floy Sims, Colony at Edina resident since 1993. [floysims@gmail.com](mailto:floysims@gmail.com)

### Great Gramma Sims' Brown Bread

Ingredients:

2 packages yeast

1/2 cup warm water

1 cup dark molasses

2 cups water

1 tbsp. salt

3 tbsp. oil

3 cups whole wheat flour

3 cups unbleached white bread flour

Dissolve yeast in warm water, & set aside.

In large bowl, mix together dark molasses, water, salt, & oil.

Add whole wheat flour, then yeast liquid.

Add white flour & stir with a spoon for 5 minutes. Do not knead. Let rise in a warm oven a minimum of 1 hour to double in bulk.

Mix down & put in 2 bread pans. Let rise until 1/4 inch above the top of the pans.

Bake at 375° for 15 minutes, & at 350° for 45 minutes.

Set pans on their sides to cool.

Brush crust with butter to soften.

Great toasted with peanut butter.

Use half the ingredients to make 1 loaf.

Best if the yeast and flours are recently purchased.

This recipe is easy, but time consuming.

**Great Safety Tip**

**Put your car keys beside your bed at night (or your spare key, if you have one).**

**If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.**

**This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.**

**If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.**

**Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. A friend has suggested to her spouse that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem...**

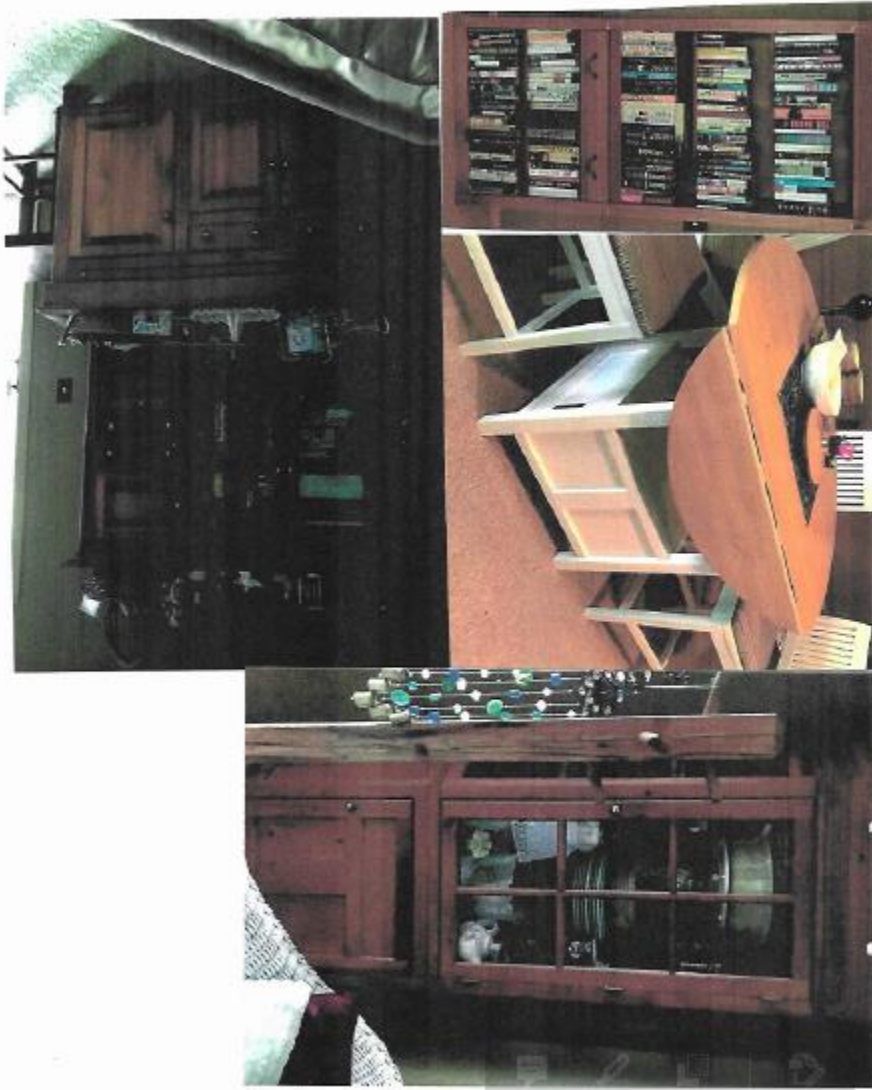
*Submitted by Craig Wahl, Colony Member*

**Going out of Business Sale:**

I am closing my staging business and am selling all inventory which includes furniture, art, accessories, rugs, lamps, pillows, bedding, etc. Anyone interested can contact me, Cindy Meuwissen, at 952-220-1727, to set up an appointment. My warehouse is in Hopkins.

**Moving Sale:**

We can't take EVERYTHING to Arizona! A few very nice pieces must be parted with. The dining set was purchased from Crate & Barrel, the bookcase from Gabberts, the hutch (2 piece) and corner cabinet from a custom shop in Excelsior. Please contact me, Holly Liesch, at 612-910-2001 to view the pieces currently stored on site. Prices are very negotiable!



**For Sale:**

Saris Bones bike rack that holds 2 bikes: \$50.00. Please call Nancy at 612-964-7629



## **THE COFFEE GANG RIDES AGAIN**

Please join your Colony neighbors (men and women) for our Coffee/Conversation gathering at the Commons. It is fun to have social conversation and to get to know our neighbors!

We are interested in building a stronger sense of community and welcoming new and old neighbors. Give it a try - you might like it - and come whenever you can!

